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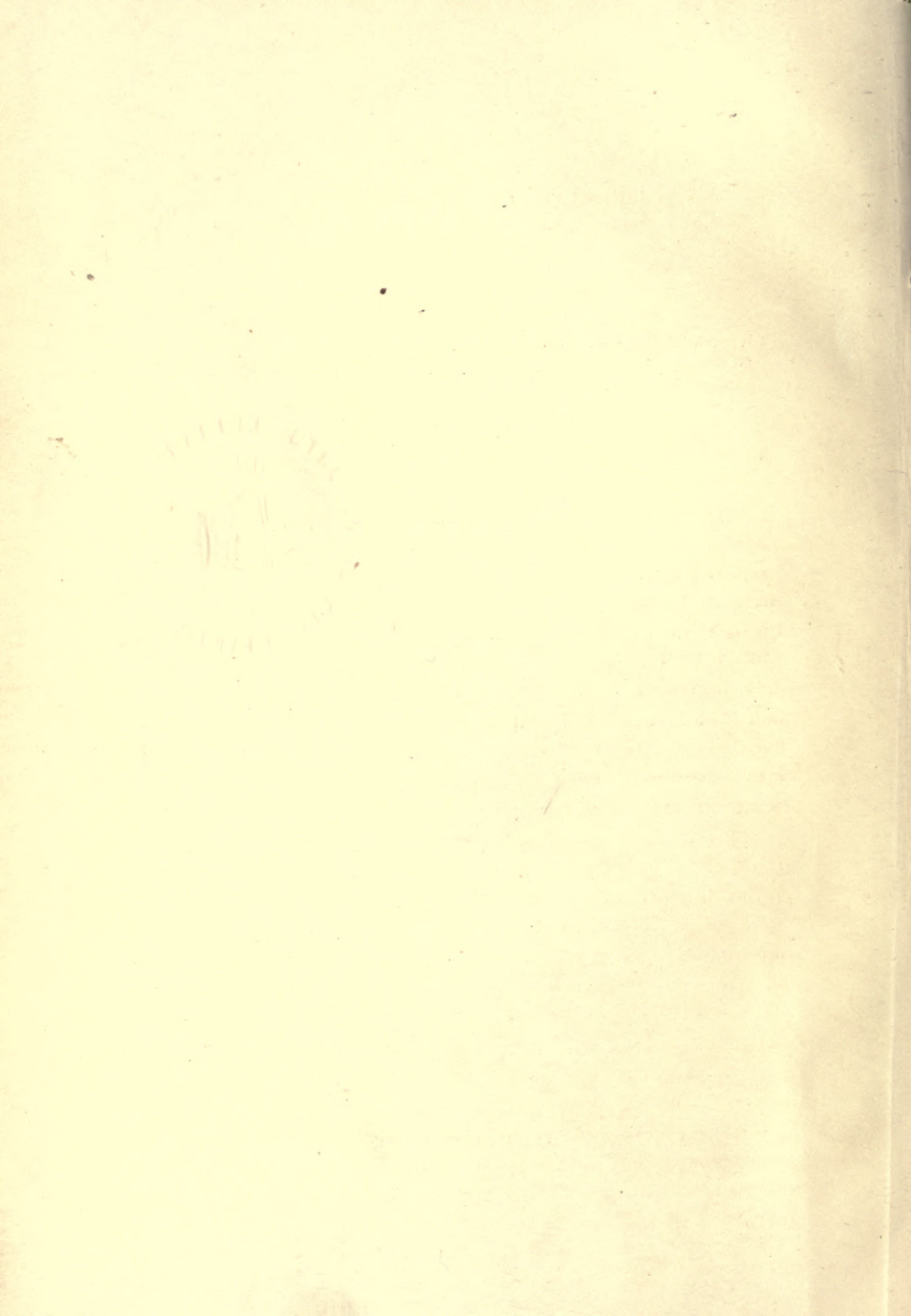
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PREFACE
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Thirty-five years ago—1868—at the request of our Society, I compiled from its records—which happily had been preserved intact—an edition of Annals which, commencing with the foundation of the Institution, was brought down to the Centenary Celebration, *26th March, 1868*. An edition of three hundred copies was published and distributed, and, in the course of twenty-five years, had disappeared, but the good effect of its publication had been so evident to the Society, that another edition was considered necessary, and I was again honoured by being entrusted with its issue.

This second edition was duly compiled and published in 1894. It was, like the first, limited to three hundred copies, but the volume was on a larger scale, and included the history of the Society from its foundation onward, one hundred and twenty-five years, to the 30th November, 1893. The ten years which have elapsed since that date have witnessed many changes in our Society's social progress. Its wealth and influence have enabled it to keep abreast of the age, and in acquiring many new members, it has by no means forgotten the men of old, and the memories which cluster around those of former generations, who so nobly contributed, by their means and example, to build up and transmit the usefulness and prestige of the Institution.

Influenced by many patriotic motives, the Society recently decided to publish, on a more elaborate scale than heretofore, a third Volume of Records, which would not only cover the intervening ten years since last publication, but would include portraits and short historical notes of our most distinguished Presidents, orators and benefactors, and also of a few conspicuous members, not always office-holders, who had served faithfully the Institution, keeping to this aim—that a history of a body, and not a number of individuals, was the end in view. This very praiseworthy commission was again committed to me to carry out, and in the volume now submitted, I have endeavoured to meet the well-understood wishes of the Society.

Thus, portraits have been inserted of many leading members who, from the foundation in 1768, have in their generation been among the brightest and best of the citizens of Halifax—men whose features and careers are worthy of preservation, and whose names are associated with all that tends to advance the interests of our Society, as well as the intellectual and mercantile progress of our community.

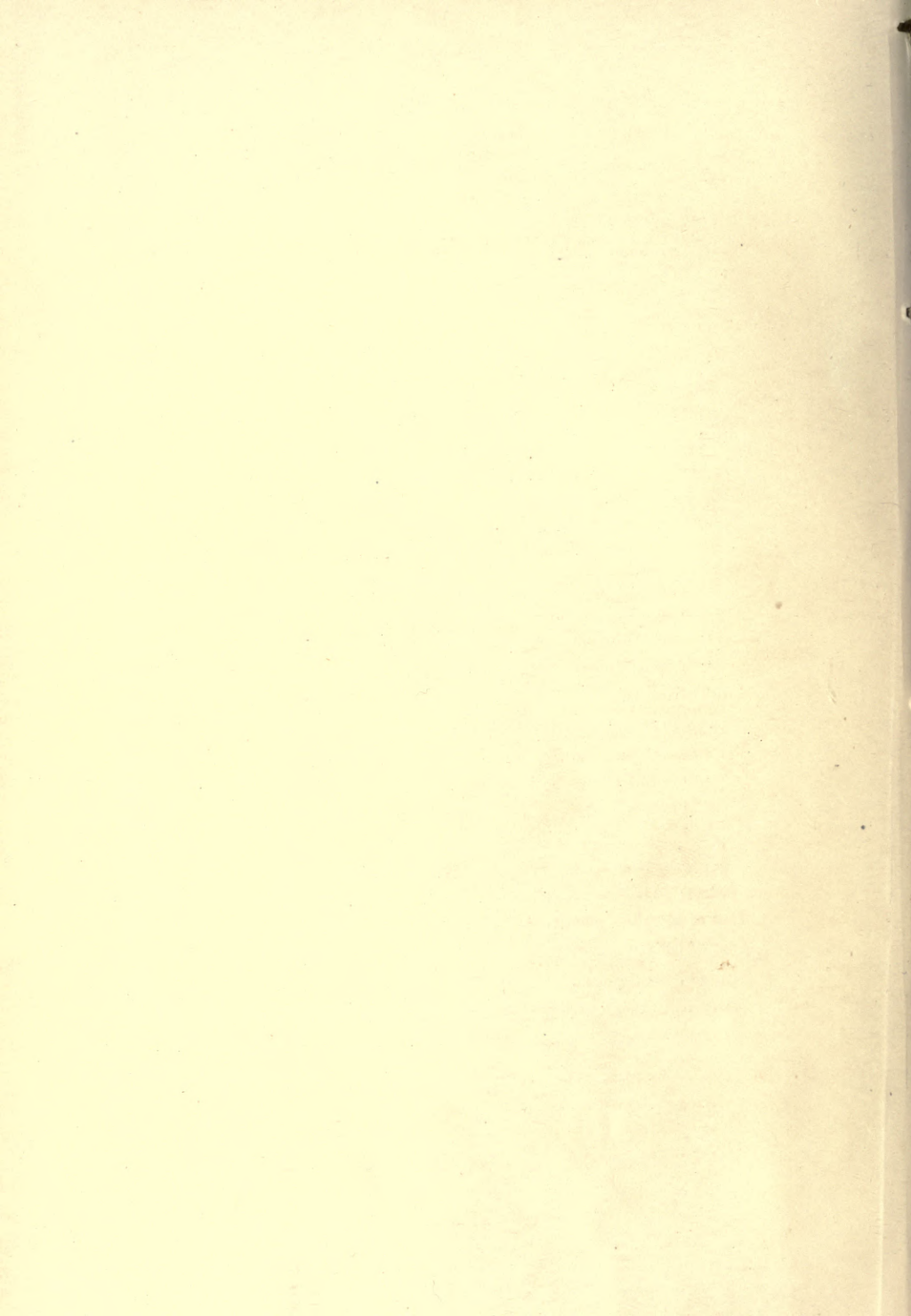
I have to acknowledge the kindness of many friends who so willingly loaned for copy, photos and portraits of valued members which appear in this volume, and also to those who furthered the work by placing at my disposal documents and letters necessary to the framing of the historical notes, which have all greatly facilitated the production of this volume, bringing a connected history of THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax down to date—one hundred and thirty-five years since its formation, 26th March, 1768.

JAMES S. MACDONALD,
Historian.

Saint Andrew's Day, 1903.

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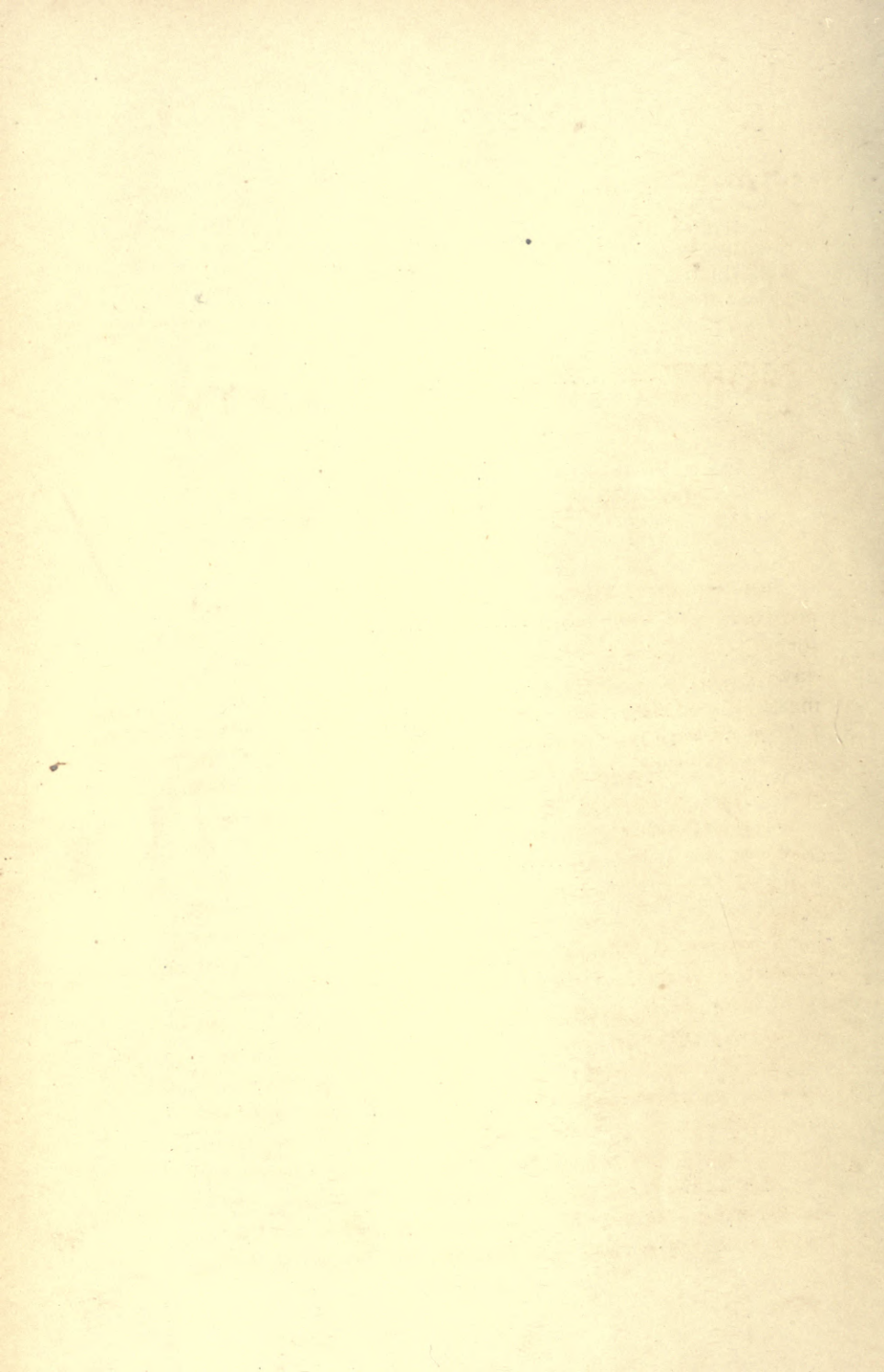
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ANNALS
OF THE
NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY
OF
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was the first of those national and patriotic Associations which have been formed in Halifax, having been instituted on the 26th day of March, 1768, in the nineteenth year of the settlement of the City. On the same day Saint Andrew's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized and chartered, having been founded by John Taylor and several others of those who were founders of the Society.

Of the founders, few traces remain, except in the records of these two kindred Associations. A portrait of John Gillespie, the first Moderator of the Society; four letters of John Taylor; several transfers of property by John Geddes, is about all extant; and were it not for their connection with the Society and Lodge their names would have long since been forgotten. The changes which necessarily occur in the lapse of a century have not only affected the membership of the Society, but have effaced some of its prominent characteristics as well. The circumstances connected with the settlement of the Capital, fostered among those of its population who shared not only the same privations and dangers in their new abode, but the same fondness and recollections of the Old Country, a union of feeling and conviviality of spirit, which

have been lessened in later years. As is well known, the Scottish element predominated in Halifax from the period of its settlement down to a recent date, giving to the community most of its leading men, and maintaining the good fellowship and charitable disposition which generally characterize that element.

The objects which our founders had in view appear to have been the assistance of Scottish emigrants landing in the Colony, and the establishment of a medium of communication with kindred Societies in the neighboring Provinces (under which name were included the Colonies which subsequently obtained their independence), as well as the maintenance of a friendly feeling among the Scotchmen resident in the community, and those who visited the country for the purposes of trade. That the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY usefully served these ends is made apparent by its history. It gave to the emigrant the assistance which he could not otherwise have found in a strange country, and which in many cases led on to success and fortune. It relieved the distressed, nurtured a patriotic feeling, and co-operated, to a moderate extent, with such institutions as the Thistle Society of New York, St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, and Scots' Charitable Society of Boston, the latter having been founded as early as 1657. These objects it accomplished, notwithstanding that for a considerable time its membership was small and its funds inconsiderable.

As stated before, the Society was formed on the 26th day of March, 1768. The first meeting was held at the house which still stands at the corner of Granville and Salter Streets, then the residence of Mr. John Taylor; and at that meeting the Constitution and By-Laws which follow, and which bear evidence of that careful thought and good principle which have secured the stability and usefulness of the Institution, were unanimously adopted.

"Articles of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, to be held at the house where the members of said Society shall think

most proper, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to commence from this day, 26th March, 1768.

“The due consideration of these articles is such, that *Whereas* sickness and death are the common lot of all mankind, in order therefore to assist each other, as much as in us lays, we, the subscribers, do bind ourselves into a Society under the name of THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, or SCOTS CLUB, for the benefit of ourselves and assistance of each other, who may be afflicted with disease or any other casualty or misfortune, in body, which God of his providence shall be pleased to send upon us. We do therefore by these presents, for the benefit of said Society, agree to and oblige ourselves to each other, to observe the following articles, under all the restrictions and penalties hereafter mentioned:

“ARTICLE 1. Every member joining this Society shall pay seven shillings and sixpence, to be deposited into the Box, and one shilling for the good of the house the first night.

“ARTICLE 2. That a proper Box be provided, at the charge of the Society, with three locks and keys; those keys to be kept by proper persons appointed by said Society, for to keep said money in, as may be delivered into said box, from time to time, all the money that shall arise for the benefit of said Society.

“ARTICLE 3. That no person is to be admitted a member of this Society, who is above the age of 45, or is not in apparent good health, or is of a scandalous character, or is not a Protestant, unless he be chosen by a majority of the members present, when application is made on his behalf.

“ARTICLE 4. The Society shall meet the first Thursday of every month, at the house that the majority shall think most proper, from the hours of seven until nine in the evening, from the 26th March until 29th September; and from 29th September until 26th March, to meet from the

hours of six to eight in the evening, at which time each member shall pay the Treasurer one shilling for the use of the box, and sixpence for the benefit of the house where the Society may meet according to appointment.

“ARTICLE 5. The Society shall choose a Foreman or Moderator, and also two Stewards, the first night of meeting, unto whom all things relating to the Society shall be proposed, and by him or them put to vote in said Society.

“ARTICLE 6. That in case of any hurt or bodily disease of any member, the member so afflicted shall inform the Moderator or one of the Stewards, who shall report his condition to the Society, to know what may be proper to be done for the assistance of such sick member.

“ARTICLE 7. That in case of any member continuing sick any considerable time, and may have occasion of watchers, each member in his turn shall watch with said sick member, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest, and shall be allowed proper Refreshment each night, according as the Moderator and the two Stewards may think proper, at the charge of the Society.

“ARTICLE 8. That in case of the death of any member the charge of the coffin, pall, grave, and attendance, shall be taken out of the Box. Six scarves, six hat bands, six pairs of black gloves, and six pairs white gloves shall be purchased out of the Box as soon as circumstances will allow, and likewise as much as can be afforded to be given to the widow and children of the deceased member, for their assistance; the scarves and gloves to be returned into the Box.

“ARTICLE 9. That no member shall be allowed any benefit from the Society's Box until he has been a member one year complete, and has duly paid contributions and fines, as is mentioned in these Articles.

“ARTICLE 10. That if any member shall leave the Province for any length of time, and shall on his return pay into the Treasurer of the Society one shilling for each month he has been absent, for the use of the Box, he shall still continue a member of it, and be entitled to all the benefits arising therefrom.

“ARTICLE 11. That a book be provided, at the expense of the Society, wherein shall be inserted all the members' names, and their proceedings from time to time, in which these Articles are to be inserted, with the payments made, fines, account of cash in the Box, and call over the members' names, in order that if any member shall be absent, that he may be fined or excused, as the Society shall direct, which book or books shall be open to the Society every meeting.

“ARTICLE 12. That if any member shall at any Monthly Meeting, or in Club hours, or at the time of business, presume to blaspheme the name of Almighty God by cursing or swearing, for every such offence he shall pay for the first the sum of sixpence, for the second one shilling, and sixpence is to be added at every time that such offence may be repeated, for the use of the Box.

“ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall not attend the funeral of any deceased member, after he being duly warned, shall forfeit the sum of two shillings and sixpence for the use of the Society.

“ARTICLE 14. That if any member shall absent himself three monthly meetings, and cannot give sufficient reason for his so doing, he shall pay into the Box one shilling over and above his monthly contribution.

“ARTICLE 15. Upon the Moderator striking with some implement on the table, there is to be a most profound silence; any member offending against said Rule to pay sixpence for the use of the Box.

“ARTICLE 16. No liquor to be called for but by the Moderator or Stewards for the use of the Society. Any

member offending in this case is to pay for whatever he may call for himself.

“ARTICLE 17. No member is to leave the room without the consent of the Moderator, or to pay into the Box sixpence, as it will be deemed an offence.

“ARTICLE 18. As our General Festival is kept on the thirtieth day of November, annually, in commemoration of Saint Andrew our patron, we therefore think proper, on that day, to choose such persons to regulate the Society as the majority of the said Society may judge most fit to regulate them.

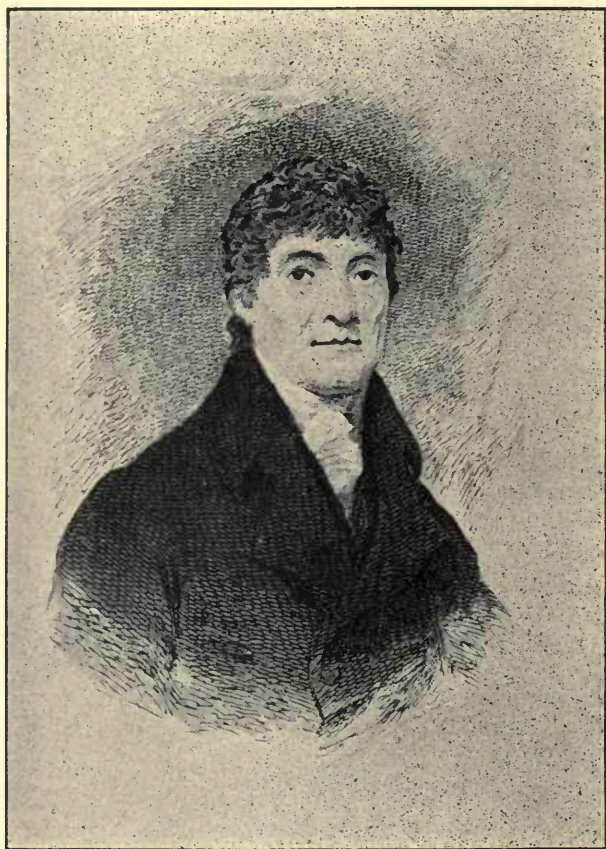
“ARTICLE 19. That if any member absents himself from this Society upon a meeting night, after being duly warned, and does not send a sufficient excuse, he shall be fined sixpence; if an officer, one shilling; and if the Moderator, double to any officer.

“ARTICLE 20. Any member found guilty of a breach of any of the foregoing articles shall be immediately fined by the Moderator, without putting it to vote in the Society.”

To the foregoing articles we subscribe our names.

John Taylor,
John Gillespie,
William Scott,
William McLennan,
Robert Killo,
James Clark,
John Fraser,

Walter Harkness,
John Geddes,
Donald Morrison,
James Thomson,
John McCrae,
William Luke,
Thomas McLennan.



JOHN GILLESPIE

ANNALS.

1768.

As the first minutes cannot but prove interesting, I shall copy them without abridgment from the original.

PROCEEDING YE 1ST.

It was agreed on by the majority of the Society met at ye House of Mr. John Taylor, Tuesday 29th March, 1768, to duly elect Mr. John Gillespie Moderator. William Scott and Thomas McLennan were duly elected Stewards, and Mr. James Clark, Secretary. It was agreed on, to meet the first Thursday of every month following, but John Gillespie having occasion to go to Philadelphia, appointed John Taylor to act as Moderator for the time being, and James Thomson, a Cabinetmaker, was ordered to make a Box and Mallet.

Dr. the Box.		£.	s.	d.
To bal. by ye Society.....		4	2	6
To James Clark's fine.....		0	0	6
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		£4	3	0
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Remains in the Box.....		£2	15	8
Cr.....		1	7	4
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		£4	3	0
Contra.		Cr.		
		£.	s.	d.
By cash for a Box.....		0	12	0
3 locks and 3 keys for do.....		0	3	4
Painting the Box.....		0	2	6
A Book for ye Society.....		0	7	0
Nails for the Box.....		0	1	4
1 quire paper.....		0	1	2
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		£1	7	4

adjourned to May 5th, 1768.

MAY 5TH, 1768—PROCEEDING 2ND.

At the House of John Taylor it was agreed by the Society that any person who has not yet made application shall at any time before the next meeting, on his being admitted, be allowed the same privilege as the present members, on his paying the full arrears from the first day of the Society's meeting until the time of their entry. It is also agreed that our friend Thos. McLennan is to warn all the members the next day of meeting. The Society closed at nine of ye clock in good order.

Cash left in the Box this night.....£3 19 8

AT THE HOUSE OF JOHN TAYLOR,

Halifax, 2nd June, 1768.

PROCEEDING THE 3RD.

It is unanimously agreed that the Annual Feast of this Society be held on the thirtieth day of November, yearly, it being St. Andrew's Day. If it should happen on a Sunday, then it is to be kept the next day following.

It is further agreed that persons applying to become members of this Society may be admitted upon the same terms as at the beginning of the Society, notwithstanding the rule of last night's meeting, to continue until the next monthly meeting be passed, and no longer, except on further consideration.

Paid to the Box.....£0 17 0
Remains in the Box..... 4 16 8

JULY 7TH.—PROCEEDING THE 4TH.

Mr. John Gillespie, Moderator of the Society, having returned from Philadelphia, has taken charge of the Society this night, and had the implements of his office delivered to him, also a true account of the Society's cash then in the Box, and then took the Chair.

Amount of cash brought forward....	£4	16	8
Paid to the Box.....	0	12	0
Remains in the Box this night.....	£5	8	8
The Society closed at a quarter past nine o'clock.			

AUGUST 3RD.—PROCEEDING THE 5TH.

The Society met at the house of John Taylor.

Amount of cash in the Box, brought forward..	£5	8	8
Paid to the Box.....	0	12	0
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	£6	0	8

The Society closed according to their usual harmony.

SEPT 1ST.—PROCEEDING 6TH.

The Society met at the house of John Taylor.

It is unanimously agreed that the Box, and whatever money may at any time be in it, be kept by the Moderator for the time being, at his own house, for the better security of the same. Also that this Society shall hold three monthly meetings at each member's house, that keeps a house of entertainment, in their proper turns. This motion was made from considering the distressed condition of a member through sickness, as well as from their mutual inclination of assisting each other.

Amount of cash in the Box, brought forward..	£6	0	8
Received in the Box.....	0	12	0
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Remains in the Box this night..... £6 12 8

The Society closed in great harmony, as usual.

From this time on, till the November meeting of 1769, we find but little to note. The meetings, as already shown, were held monthly, but little business was transacted, as the sphere at that early period in the history of Halifax and of our Society was but limited. The Society met monthly, called the roll, paid the dues, and after slight refreshment, separated for their homes; but no doubt their meetings, monotonous as they appear noted, were events in the month of each member, and were punctually attended by our founders.

Biographical Notes—1768.

John Gillespie, the first President, came out to Boston in 1747, from Aberdeen, and was in a general trading business between Boston, New York and Port Royal, Jamaica, until 1764, when owing to losses in trade, he came to Halifax, and opened a store on the Beach, near the Ordnance Wharf. His house was at foot of Blowers Street, on Granville Street, near John Taylor's. He died 1st June, 1772. Several of his descendants are now living in Baltimore and New York.

John Taylor also was a native of Aberdeen, and came out to New York in 1760, a general trader. He came to Halifax in 1762, and built a house at corner of Granville and Salter Streets. It was a pitched roof, one storey building, with a veranda around it. Taylor was popular and made money. Alex. Brymer was his friend, and patron. The Society was formed at Taylor's, who for years was a leading Mason and member of St. Matthew's Church. He returned to Aberdeen in 1779.

James Thomson was a native of Edinburgh, a cabinet-maker. His shop was near the Parade on Argyle Street. He left Halifax in 1780, and returned to Scotland.

John Geddes was here in 1755. His store was on the Beach in 1760. He returned to Glasgow in 1772. He was uncle to Charles Geddes, who was President in 1806.

1769.

NOVEMBER 2ND.

The Society met at the house of Wm. McLennan.

This being the last meeting before St. Andrew's Day, the Society proceeded to elect officers to rule the Club for the ensuing year, when the following were elected:

John Gillespie, *Moderator* (re-elected);
 John Taylor and John MacCræe, *Stewards*;
 James Clark, *Secretary*.

The Society agreed to dine at the Moderator's house on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th instant, and this because William McLennan could not undertake to prepare the dinner. The Society considered this a very fair reason.

NOVEMBER 30TH.

The Scots Society met at the house of John Gillespie, Moderator. The Society proceeded to install their new officers, as before named; this done, an elegant dinner was tabled, to which several gentlemen of this town (our countrymen), not belonging to the Club were invited. After dinner, many loyal toasts, healths and sentiments were drunk, with the memory of St. Andrew in the conclusion of every one of them; in fine, the day was crowned with the utmost festivity, mirth, jollity, and ancient Scottish song.

Small comment is required on the above; that they must have had a good time, the next minutes of meeting will testify, which read thus:

DECEMBER 7TH.

The Scots' Society met at John Gillespie's, being the first meeting after the joyous celebration of St. Andrew's.

In the Box.... £16 9 0

Post Captain George Elliot, R.N., of the 64 gun ship *Thetis*, became a member.

From this time until the meeting of 7th June, 1770, nothing of interest appears to have transpired; but at that meeting Mr. Peter McNab (from whom the present well-known family are descended) was pleased to offer himself as a member, and was unanimously elected.

Biographical Note—1769.

James Clark, the Secretary, was a well-known merchant and tallow-chandler, and general storekeeper. His shop was on Hollis Street, on the present site of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He served as Secretary from 1768 to 1776, and was a great favorite in the Society.

Peter McNab was a native of Inverness, Scotland. He came out to Halifax in 1754, was an enterprising business man, and leased a part of Cornwallis Island, now McNab's Island, and employed a number of men fishing, and sent his trading vessels to Boston and Philadelphia. He amassed wealth, and was for many years a most popular member of the Society and town.

1770.

At the September meeting the Society was visited by Mr. McIlworth, a member and representative of the St. Andrew's Society of New York, who at the supper gave a most interesting account of his Society and its large membership.

NOVEMBER 1ST.

The Society met at the house of John Gillespie.

In the box.....£19 14 10

This was the last monthly meeting at this house. It is for certain reasons unanimously agreed that the members meet at the house of John Taylor upon Wednesday, 5th December, and there spend 1s. 6d. each. Any member not attending, or not sending his money, to be fined according to the Articles. It is further agreed that the Society dine at the house of John Gillespie, St. Andrew's Day.

The officers of last year were unanimously re-elected.

NOVEMBER 30TH.

The Society met at the house of John Gillespie, and installed their officers and had another joyous time, chronicled in the very exact terms of the preceding St. Andrew's meeting, the day being crowned, etc.

The next meeting was held by appointment at the house of Wm. McLennan. The dues and entrance money now amount in the Box to.....£23 4 4

1771.

MAY 2ND.

At this meeting Mr. John Patterson was unanimously elected as a member.

NOVEMBER 4TH.

Meeting held at the house of John Gillespie. The office-bearers now serving were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and the Society dined as usual on St. Andrew's at the Moderator's house, and the Box contains £27 12s. 4d.

1772.

MAY 7TH.

The Scots Society met at the house of John Gillespie.

In the Box.....£30 4 9

The above sum of the Society's money amounting to over Thirty Pounds, by the unanimous voice of the members present, was deposited in the hands of Thomas McLennan, to keep safe till demanded, by reason of John Gillespie's bad state of health, and the confusion of affairs in his house occasioned thereby.

JULY 6TH.

The Scots Society, at the request of the great majority of seven to two, met at the house of John MacCrae, one of the Stewards, where the whole were warned, one meeting having passed without doing of business since the death of John Gillespie, the late Moderator.

James Sutherland joined the Society this evening. The design of this meeting was to choose a Moderator for the time being until next St. Andrew's Day, and also to vote for a proper house to transact business in, when it was unanimously agreed to meet at the house of Wm. McLennan. The two absent members being accidentally possessed of the three keys of the Box, the proceedings could not be recorded until the September meeting. Mr.

Peter McNab was duly elected Moderator until the November meeting, and the funeral charges of John Gillespie were ordered to be paid. Articles for the service of the Society to remain in the Box, viz.:

Paid James Clark sundries for the funeral of Moderator Gillespie.....	£4	2	10
" Jas. Clark for alamode, gloves, crape and ferrit to complete the mourning.	}	4	18
Articles in the Box for the use of the Society.			
Paid for the pall, grave and bell.....		2	0
To Wm. McLennan for watching.....		2	0
" Angus Morrison for do.....		1	0
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	£14	1	1

This was the first death in the Society, and appears to have been that of a very popular man in the Society and community.

NOVEMBER 5TH.

The Society met at the house of Widow Gillespie, when it was resolved that the Society dine at this house on St. Andrew's Day.

It is further resolved that this Society meet to do business only once a quarter, viz.: the first Thursdays in March, June, September and December, excepting upon emergency; in that case every member shall be duly warned. It is further resolved that the said quarterly meetings be held at the house of Mrs. Gillespie until the majority think proper to vote some other house. There will be a meeting on the first Thursday of December to settle the expenses of St. Andrew's Day.

The Society met on St. Andrew's Day at the house of Widow Gillespie, on Granville Street, foot of Blowers Street, and the day was spent, as the Minutes read, in harmony, joy and jollity and ancient Scots song.

1773.

This year the four Quarterly Meetings were held at the house of Peter McNab, but little is recorded. Robert Gillespie was admitted a member, and John Patterson, who was admitted in 1771, died, and was buried at the expense of the Society.

On the 30th of November, St. Andrew's Day, the Society met to celebrate the anniversary at the house of John Rider, where Lt.-Gov. Michael Franklin and several gentlemen of the Army and Navy, and of the Town, our countrymen, had been invited to a dinner in ancient Scots' taste. After dinner many loyal toasts, healths and sentiments were drunk. In fine, the day was crowned with the utmost festivity, mirth, good humor and ancient Scots songs.

Prior to this dinner the re-elected officers of the previous year were duly installed.

Biographical Note—1773.

John Rider kept the Wolfe Tavern, opposite the old Government House, now Province Building. It was considered at that day a very elegant resort. His wines were noted for excellence.

1774.

MARCH 3RD.

The Scots' Society met at the house of John Rider. Major Andrew Macdonald, 59th Regiment, became a member.

This night John McCrae borrowed the sum of £19 14s. 6d., at 6 per cent. interest, when Robert Campbell and Peter McNab became securities.

Alexander Thompson,
Robert Campbell, and
William Allan

were enrolled as members.

At the next meeting of this year Alexander Ross and Robert MacGowan were unanimously elected, and signed the Roll. Robert Campbell died and was buried by the Society before the close of the year.

The Society celebrated their anniversary at the house of Mr. John Rider, where the day was spent in the usual taste and manner, after installing the re-elected officers of the past for the incoming year.

Biographical Notes—1774.

MAJOR ANDREW MACDONALD.

Born at Rogart, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, 7th May, 1721, and attended the Parish School for five years, after which he went to work on the farm, but becoming dissatisfied with the hard, monotonous toil, he with several kinsmen, took service with the Hon. East India Company, then recruiting in the Highlands, and was sent to Calcutta. For several years he was employed on most active and arduous work, but the constant turmoil in which the great Company's ambitions and extensions of territory placed their servants, agreed well with the rugged and trusty contingent of Scottish Highlanders, of which Macdonald was a leading spirit. At the close of ten years' service, his courage, tact in handling the natives, and attention to most difficult duties, brought advancement in position and pay. He was promoted to the office of Military Inspector of three of the most distant of the trading outposts of the Company, and ultimately one of the Superintendents of the Convoy and Defence Department of outgoing expeditions for new trade and exchange. This duty involved great fatigue and responsibility in negotiating business far away from the domains of the Company. It was also a position involving great danger, and several times he was badly wounded. At length the severe strain of the situation, joined to the severity of the climate of the interior of



MAJOR ANDREW MACDONALD

India, prostrated him, and he was sent back to Scotland to recuperate. In 1754 he returned to India and resumed his former position in the service of the H.E.I. Co. In 1757 he fought under Clive at Plassey, and there was severely wounded and left on the field as dead. By almost a miracle he survived, and had again to return invalided to Britain. After recovering he, through the influence of the Company, purchased a Commission in the Scottish Regimental Contingent then being recruited for service in the operations in North America, and was sent early in 1758 with the forces for the siege and capture of Louisburg. After the capture he remained at Halifax until 1759, when he went with his regiment to Quebec; was present at the capture of the city and in the engagement with the French forces under Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham, where Wolfe was killed. After the battle he was promoted to a Captaincy in his regiment, and returned to Halifax. In 1766 he was advanced to the rank of Major and transferred to the old 59th Regt., then stationed in this City. In 1770, on the reorganization of the Scottish Regiments, he was retired on full pay and settled in Halifax, where he was well known and had many friends among the Scottish merchants. In 1771 he joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, of which he for over a quarter of a century was a most active and enthusiastic member. He was a man of powerful and robust personality, and an outspoken advocate for a more liberal government of the people, and for civic organization of the town. In 1798 he returned to Scotland and died unmarried at Rogart, in 1809. By his inducement, his nephew, Robert Macdonald, subsequently came out to Halifax, and after several years became a member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. His six sons in the generation following also became active members, two of them having the honor of being elected to the chair of the Society.

Alexander Ross was born at Elgin, Scotland, in 1740, and came to Halifax in 1770 with considerable means. He was treasurer of the Society for several years, was a leading member of Mather's Church, afterward called St. Matthew's and a most popular man in Halifax. He died 13th July, 1812.

1775.

The four quarterly meetings were held as usual this year, but very little is recorded. The office-bearers were re-elected, the anniversary celebrated as usual, and the Society's funds at the close of the year in the Box amounted to £31 7s. od.

1776

passed away like its predecessor ; no changes and not one acquisition ; the disturbance in the neighbouring colonies, which was much felt in the city, having caused this apathy in the Society's affairs. But the anniversary was not forgotten. A large company of Scots, to the number of seventy, including Lt.-Gov. Arbuthnot and aides, assembled at the house of John Rider, the great Tavern at that time, and honored the day most heartily.

The dues collected in the Box now amounted to £37 10s. od.

At the above meeting the officers were installed for the ensuing year ; no changes ; all re-elected.

1777

witnessed considerable improvement in the Society's affairs. The four quarterly meetings were held at the

house of John Rider. The work of charity was well attended to, and the following gentlemen joined, viz.:

James Dickson,	John Mowatt,
John Miller,	Alex. Brymer,
John Ratrie,	James Black,
and William Bowie.	

The Society and countrymen, twenty-seven in number, celebrated St. Andrew's at the old Pontac. This old popular resort stood at the north corner of Duke and Water Streets, close to the beach. It was at this Tavern that all the public entertainments took place. It was kept by a Mr. Willis, who opened it in 1769. As this was for many years the meeting place of the Society, it may be of interest to copy the proprietor's notice of opening the house, from the *Nova Scotia Chronicle* of Oct. 10, 1769: "This is to inform the public that John Willis has lately opened the house to be known by the name of Great Pontac, which he proposes to improve in Public Entertainment, where gentlemen of every profession, both of Town and Country, may rely on being genteelly treated at the most reasonable rates. He also proposes keeping a Chop House, where Gentlemen may be supplied with the greatest despatch, and dinners dressed at the shortest notice. He begs leave to inform the Ladies that he has a good convenience for Baking, in which they may depend on having their commands duly performed to the greatest nicety, and hot mutton pies every day. As he has very good convenience for stabling and a Slaughter House on the premises, he proposes to open a correspondence with the country gentlemen, where they can kill and dispose of such cattle as they may have occasion for, and shall always make it a point to assist to the utmost such gentlemen as shall favor him with their commands with the greatest despatch.

"He also begs leave to inform the public that he has a large and commodious Assembly Room, which is well

fitted, and he now hopes to have the honour of the patronage of the public, and the best attendance may be depended upon from their most obedient and obliged humble servant,

“JOHN WILLIS.”

The old Pontac was all to the public that this advertisement professed it to be. The Assembly Rooms were on the second floor; a large veranda ran quite around the house, and underneath, butchers' stalls, with the slaughter house and bakery filled the ground floor. It was a great resort for the loungers of the town, and all kinds of assignations and business were made and attended to at the Pontac. We can understand from the above quaint advertisement, its value to the inhabitants at that early time. Slaughter-house, ball-room, public and bakery, butchers' stalls, and stabling all attended to under one roof, its court-yard for waggons, etc., being in the centre of the building. From this place notices were issued for public meetings, and at this variety house our Society met for many years.

On the 30th November, previous to the dinner, the following gentlemen were installed office-bearers for the ensuing year:

William Allan, *Moderator*;

John MacCrae and Alexander Ross, *Stewards*;

Robert MacGowan, *Secretary*.

Several of the Moderator's descendants have been connected with the Society, and favourably known in the City. He was a very popular man with the Society for many years, being a whole-souled Scotchman and the life of the meetings.

Biographical Note—1777.

Alexander Brymer was born at Dundee, Scotland, in 1729, and entered into business in Glasgow at an early age, but in 1759 he came out to Halifax with £4,000



ALEXANDER BRYMER

sterling, and very soon became a leading merchant. He made several good purchases of condemned prizes taken by the ships of war. He was a grand specimen of an educated Scotchman, and rapidly came to the front in our little town as a rising and honourable man. He was distinguished for a generous and amiable disposition, and for many years was esteemed as the very father of the Scottish community of merchants. By his advice several Edinburgh and Glasgow men came out with means, and entering into trade, rapidly made fortunes. He was a grand member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, rarely missing a meeting, was President twice, and has the honour of ever appearing at the head of our list of Perpetual Members. He had a magnificent residence on the site of the present Jerusalem Warehouse. It was long considered the finest house in the Provinces, and was called "Brymer's Palace," where he entertained very liberally. He was for many years Deputy Paymaster of the Forces, Member of the old Council of Twelve, and held from time to time almost every office of honour or distinction in the gift of the Government or people. It is not always that the prudence and industry that elevate the commercial man to wealth are united with honour, humanity and generosity, as was the case with Mr. Brymer; but when found in combination they merit permanent distinction. After amassing a large fortune, said to be over £250,000 sterling, he left Halifax in 1801, to reside in London. There he married a second time—a daughter of Lieut.-Governor Sir John Parr—and died at Ramsgate at an advanced age, in 1822. He will be long remembered with honour by the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, as *the* member who gave the Institution a prominence and a prestige in this City and Province, which it retains down to the present hour. Collateral descendants of Mr. Brymer are still in Halifax.

1778.

The Quarterly meetings of this year were held in the Great Pontac Tavern; but the unsettled state of matters in the neighbouring Colonies could not but be felt in this city, so near the theatre of war; and although a most popular and estimable man was at the head of the Society, but little was done. Two gentlemen joined this year: Lieut. Hyndman, H.M. Ship "Revenge," and Wm. Hogg.

The 30th November was celebrated by dining together, the same joyous event being duly recorded, and on that day

Alexander Brymer was chosen *Moderator*;
John MacCrae and Alexander Ross, *Stewards*;
Robert MacGowan, *Secretary*.

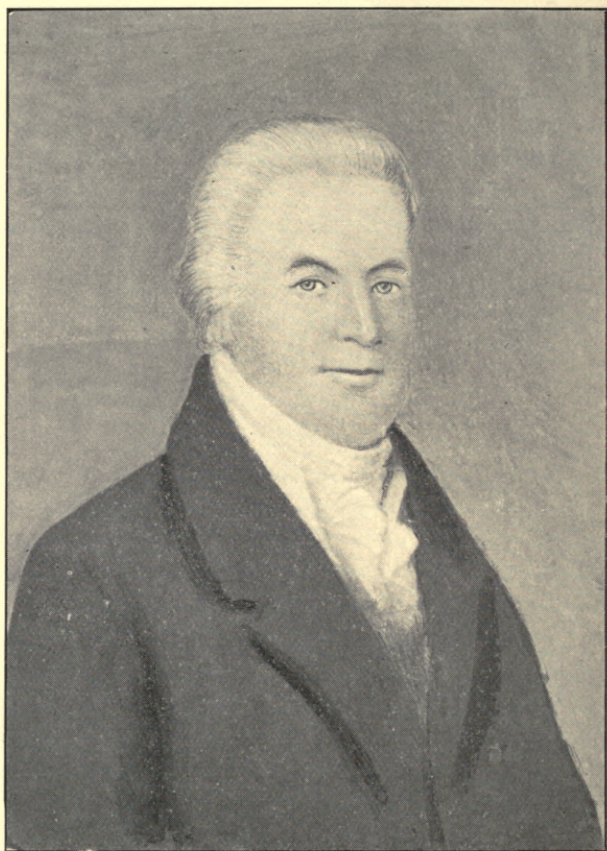
1779.

Under the able Presidency of Alexander Brymer the Society flourished, but only one acquisition was made: Robert Nisbet. The Society decided this year to admit gentlemen (not countrymen) whom they might wish to invite as guests to the annual dinner, as shown by the following resolution carried at the March meeting:

"That every member introducing a friend to the celebration of St. Andrew's Day, shall give at least three days' notice, before the time, and have the approbation of the President or Acting President; and that every member introducing such friend, shall be accountable for the reckoning of his or such friends as he may introduce."

Alexander Brymer was unanimously elected, at the November meeting, Moderator, and Alexander Ross and John MacCrae Stewards for the ensuing year.

St. Andrew's Day was duly honoured by dining together at the Pontac, when the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Richard Hughes, the Admiral, the General, with other distinguished persons, took part as guests of the Society, the day being given up to festivity and enjoyment.



HON. MICHAEL WALLACE

1780

was one of marked prosperity and advance in the annals of the Society. More note is now made of the meetings, the charities are larger, the debates keener, and the funds are becoming considerable.

During this year the following were admitted members: Patrick MacMaster, Andrew MacGill, Charles Adams, Andrew Thompson and Michael Wallace; the last-named was a great favorite with the Society, and a most active and energetic member. Both himself and family have been distinguished in several generations as active men in the Society and the community.

The four Quarterly Meetings were held at the Pontac. At the Annual Meeting a great variety of business was transacted, and the following gentlemen elected office-bearers:

Alexander Brymer, *Moderator*;

Peter McNab, *Vice-Moderator*;

John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*;

Andrew MacGill, *Secretary*;

Andrew Thompson, *Asst. Secretary*.

Net cash surplus funds at this date, £91 7s. 5½d., which were lent by the Society to Peter McNab, the Vice-Moderator; he giving bonds and engaging to pay 6 per cent. per annum for the money.

The festival was observed by dining together at the Great Pontac, on the 30th, and passed off as usual, or, as the records have it, "the day was crowned with mirth and jollity."

Biographical Note—1780.

Hon. Michael Wallace was for over 50 years an active and influential member of our Society, a prominent merchant, and a foremost man in politics. He for many years represented Halifax in the Legislature, and in 1803 was appointed a member of Council, and thence until his

death in 1832 he repeatedly, in the absence of the Lieut.-Governor, administered the Government of the Province. He was a thorough strong-minded Scotchman and during a long and stormy political life, won the good opinion of all he came in contact with. He was in later life appointed Treasurer of the Province, and the old £1 notes of generations ago current, were familiarly called "*Michael Wallaces*." He was President twice, and served the Society well in all the subordinate offices. He was long noted for his dignified bearing, and made a magnificent Chairman at the celebrations of St. Andrew. His portrait is an excellent copy of a painting by Field.

1781.

The Society held its four Quarterly Meetings at the Pontac. A considerable sum was expended in charity; and we find that a Lottery being on foot in the Town for raising a sum sufficient to establish a School, the Society invested to the extent of ten tickets, at £1 each, only one of which was successful, the winning number gaining a prize of £2; rather a losing venture for the Society; but as the Lottery was well patronized by the Town, the members considered it a duty (as the object to be attained was a good one), to invest a small amount.

At the November meeting—

Andrew MacGill was elected *President*;

Alexander Thomson, *Vice-President*;

John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*;

Michael Wallace, *Secretary*.

The Anniversary was well attended, as the following record of the event will testify:

"*Friday, 30th November, 1781, being St. Andrew's*—This day, as by general appointment, the Society met at Mr. Willis' Old Pontac Tavern, with a number of their

countrymen and others, to celebrate the festival. The public guests included the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Andrew Snape Hammond, Lieut.-General Campbell, Rev. Dr. Breynton of St. Paul's, and the Chief Justice. At precisely three o'clock the company sat down to an elegant dinner. Mr. McGill, our President elect, requested Mr. James Dickson, one of our most popular and worthy members, to preside on this occasion. He took the chair, and the following loyal toasts were drunk after dinner:—

“The King and St. Andrew,

“Land of Cakes and do.,

“St. George, Old England and do.,

“St. David, Ancient Britons and do.,

“St. Patrick, Ireland and do.,

“Lieut.-Governor of the Province and do.,

“The Navy, Army and do.,

“General Campbell, Garrison and do.”

and at the request of Mr. Thomson, Vice-President:

“The Mother of all Saints, and St. Andrew”; the last toast having been omitted at first, on account of Rev. Dr. Breynton being present.

“After the above, two rounds of toasts were drunk by the company, and the evening was closed in great mirth, jollity and Scots feeling.”

The funds of the Society, as shown by the Annual Statement this year, amounted to £101 17s. 7d.; and £100 was bonded by Peter McNab, at 6 per cent. interest.

Biographical Note—1781.

Mr. MacGill, elected this year to fill the office of President, was a gentleman doing an extensive business in the West India trade. He returned to Scotland in 1790. He was an eloquent speaker, and was noted as a leader in politics. He had a large general business on the east side of Granville Street, and gave much employment. He was a thorough Scot, and greatly esteemed in the Society. Several of his descendants are to be found in the Province.

1782.

This year was quite a stirring one in the annals of our Society, as several gentlemen joined, whose descendants are at this day numbered with the Society, viz: :

Alexander Green,	John Bremner,
George Grant,	George Smith,
Wm. Shand,	William Carter,
James Veitch,	Richard Kidston,
James Dechman,	Alexander Copeland,
Robert Burns,	James Strachan,
William Hogg,	Alexander Anderson.

Several of the above-named had just arrived from the neighboring Colonies, as their loyal sentiments were too well-known to allow of their remaining there any longer in safety. Their coming to Halifax proved a valuable acquisition, as they were all well educated, and of such a stamp as to elevate the tone of the community.

Amongst other business transacted this year, may be mentioned Peter McNab surrendering the Society's Bond for £106 to W. Allen, who agreed to receive it.

At the November meeting—

Mr. Andrew Thomson was elected *President*.

Michael Wallace, *Vice-President*.

James Strachan and Alex. Green, *Joint Secretaries*.

A large company, including Governor Parr and staff assembled at the Pontac on St. Andrew's Day, which passed off as usual, "in great harmony."

Biographical Notes—1782.

Dr. John Halliburton, father of the late Chief Justice Halliburton, was the son of a Presbyterian minister in Haddington, Scotland, born in 1725. He was Surgeon in the Navy, and before the Revolution settled at Newport, Rhode Island, and married a Miss Brenton. He had a splendid practice there as a leading physician,



HON. JOHN HALLIBURTON

but when the great dispute broke out he took sides with the Loyalists and was banished, leaving for his avowed political principles a splendid home, a valuable practice, and all the property he had accumulated. He came to Halifax with his family, and on his arrival was given the control of the Naval Medical Department, then a very lucrative and important position. This was in 1782. In addition to his official duties, Dr. Halliburton entered into general practice and became a leader in his profession and a most influential member of the Society and community. In less than five years he was elected President, and on the same date was appointed by the Government a member of the old Council of Twelve, the "Star Chamber of Nova Scotia." He lived a most exemplary life, and was deservedly esteemed as one of the best of our citizens. The Society held him in great estimation, and for twenty years he never missed a meeting. His son, the Chief Justice, and grandson, John C. Halliburton, subsequently kept his memory green by their attachment and interest in the institution. Dr. Halliburton died at Halifax in 1808.

James Strachan, a native of Huntley, Aberdeenshire, was born there in 1746, and came to Halifax in 1780, entered into a general business with Andrew McGill, on Lower Water Street, and for many years conducted a large shipping business to the West Indies and the Mauritius. He was the first of the Strachan family to come to Halifax, where they in successive generations have left a creditable commercial and social record. Mr. Strachan was one of the first Secretaries of the Society in 1782, and Vice-President in 1783. He was for a long generation associated with our Institution, and was several times elected Chairman of the Dinner Committee. Mr. Strachan died at an advanced age in Halifax in 1836, and was buried in Old St. Paul's Churchyard.

Alex. Green, George Grant, Wm. Shand, James Veitch,

Robert Burns, Wm. Hogg, Wm. Cater, Alex. Copeland, Alex. Anderson, were all Loyalists who came here from New York, all in good positions in the mercantile world in New York and Rhode Island.

1783.

In examining the records for this year, we find an increasing interest manifested by the members. The meetings were well attended, and a respectable number of additions were made to the ranks of the Society. The Meetings were held at the Old Pontac as usual, and nearly every member on the roll attended. The following were admitted members:—

Wm. Davidson,	Thomas Manson,
Wm. Gibbon,	James Hunter,
Wm. Lyon,	Robert Geddes,
Charles Geddes,	Robert Lyon,
Peter Lennox,	John Ritchie,
George MacCrae,	George Gunn.

The funds of the Society are now from various sources, accumulating, as we find the Bond transferred to Alex. Ross, for £150; and that after a respectable amount had been expended in various charities, Alex. Brymer was elected a perpetual member, at his own request, he paying £10 for the honor, and receiving the unanimous thanks of the Society.

At the annual meeting, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Michael Wallace, *President*;
 James Strachan, *Vice-President*;
 Robert Burns, *Secretary*;
 Alex. Copeland, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Wm. Allen, *Treasurer*;
 Alex. Ross and John MacCrae, *Stewards*.

At this meeting the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to revise the Rules of the Society, and prepare a digest for the approval of the members:

Messrs. Wallace, Burns, Strachan, Copeland and Anderson.

The celebration of St. Andrew was well attended to. About 80 persons dined together at the Pontac Tavern. The dinner was attended by representatives of the Army, Navy, Bench and Bar.

Biographical Notes—1783.

The twelve gentlemen admitted to the membership of the Society this year were all leading members of the community. William and Robert Lyon, Geo. Gunn and Thos. Manson, and Robert and Charles Geddes, came out to Halifax and engaged in business by influence of Alex Brymer; they all subsequently accumulated fortunes, mainly through purchase and sale of condemned prizes and cargoes, captured from the French by the British fleet, and sold in Admiralty Court at Halifax during the war.

John Ritchie was a Dockyard official, a popular man in Halifax for a long generation. He died at Halifax, 1814.

George MacCrae was an artist from Edinburgh. His principal work, Portraits in Oils, was greatly admired and patronized by Halifax society. He returned to Scotland in 1802.

Peter Lennox, a native of Inverness, came to Halifax from New York with the Loyalists, having suffered severely in losses incurred during the Revolution. On his arrival at Halifax he secured, through influence at the

War Office, London, an appointment to the Commissariat Department, which he subsequently held for 25 years. Lennox was husband of the celebrated writer, Mrs. Charlotte Lennox, author of "Shakespeare Illustrated." "The Female Quixote, or the Adventures of Arabella," and other works greatly read during the latter part of the 18th century. In London society she belonged to the literary coterie of Hannah More, Goldsmith, Dr. Johnson, Fanny Burney and other celebrities. She died in London in 1804. Mr. Lennox was greatly esteemed by the members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, was a good speaker and capital singer, and greatly interested the meetings by his varied social talents. He died in 1809 at Halifax, and was buried in St. Paul's old Churchyard.

1784.

This year, under the able management of the office-bearers, the Society progressed favorably; the meetings were largely attended, a considerable amount of business was transacted at each meeting, and a number of gentlemen were added to the Roll, several of them leading men in the Colony, viz.:—

Anthony Stewart,	Rev. Thos. Russell,
Wm. Campbell,	Daniel MacMaster,
James Benvie,	Joseph Gilchrist,
David Ferguson,	William Gordon,
James Wallace,	William Forsyth,
Peter Wemyss,	Dr. Duncan Clark,
George Rodgers,	Alex. MacDonald.

Alexander Thomson, being about to leave the Province to end his days in Scotland, became a Perpetual Member, by paying £10. A Silver Cross and Ribbon, to be worn by the President while presiding at the meetings, was presented by Peter Lennox. At the November meeting,

the following gentlemen were elected to preside over the Society's interests for 1785:

Anthony Stewart, *President*;

Geo. Smith, *Vice-President*;

David Ferguson, *Secretary*;

Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*;

John MacCrae, *Steward*.

Over one hundred persons sat down to the annual dinner on the 30th, and the day was marked by several talented speeches being delivered on the occasion by the President, Dr. John Halliburton, Michael Wallace, Lieut.-Governor Fanning and other leading men of the city. A large amount was expended in charity during the year, and the funds noted as "steadily accumulating."

Biographical Notes—1784.

Rev. Thomas Russell, a native of Paisley, Scotland, born 1755. Minister of St. Matthew's Church, 1784-86. In 1786 he retired from his Pastorate to return to Scotland, but the ship "Sceptre," on which he sailed, was lost at sea, and all perished. He was a most eloquent preacher, and was greatly esteemed by the Society. His son, George N. Russell, became a prominent merchant of Halifax, and was President of the Society in 1822.

William Forsyth, President of the Society in 1788, was born in Edinburgh in 1755, and came to Halifax in 1783. He was a wealthy and prominent merchant, and had a fleet of vessels sailing from Halifax, east and west. He represented Halifax in the Legislature, and in after years was appointed member of the Council. After a long and strenuous life, he died at Halifax in 1822, and was buried at Sackville, above Bedford, N.S.

Wm. Campbell, Jas. Benvie, Peter Wemyss and Wm. Gordon were all from Glasgow. They came out 1763,

induced to visit Halifax through letters from Mr. Alex. Brymer. They were very successful in business. Benvie and Gordon continued in trade in this Province until 1801, when they sold out to Alex. MacMaster and returned to Glasgow. All those mentioned were for many years popular members of the Society, and foremost merchants of Halifax.

Anthony Stewart was for many years a most popular member of the Society, and one of the foremost in all good works in Halifax for nearly thirty years. Being a strong Loyalist, he came to Halifax in 1782, and with other co-patriots assisted greatly in making Halifax a well-known centre for large mercantile trade.

Mr. Stewart, born in Aberdeen, and educated there, had for years previous to the Revolution conducted a great business in Baltimore, with a branch house at New York. He was acquainted with Halifax and its people, and at once, after his settling here, was received by all classes as a born leader. He soon proved his value to the place, and was looked up to for advice and direction. He was a fearless, outspoken man; vigour and enthusiasm marked his every movement, and in addition to amassing a large fortune, he gave freely to Church and State, and his name crops up continually in our local Halifax records as taking part in all good works projected for the public good. At the Society's meetings he was seen at his best, a clever, enthusiastic speaker, with a well-pronounced Scottish accent; in addition, a good singer, he made himself essential to the success of the Quarterly Meetings, as well as the Annual Dinners. He lived for many years on Grafton Street, then a most fashionable locality, and entertained largely. He was interested in several large speculations, in which he was joined by Alex. Brymer and Wm. Forsyth; one particularly, in rum and sugar, from Halifax to London, it is said freighted over 20 ves-



ANTHONY STEWART

sels and netted an immense profit. His portrait by Loudon is that of a man of enormous energy and capabilities.

Dr. Duncan Clark, born in Scotland and educated for a physician. Early after taking his course and degree at Edinburgh, by the advice of friends in New York, left Scotland and came to America. Was in practice for several years, and at the time of the Revolution was in New York, and on the evacuation of the city by the British, accompanied the Loyalists to Halifax. Dr. John Halliburton was a great friend of Clark's, and when appointed to the medical charge of the Navy and the Naval Hospital here, gave him a helping hand. For several years both Halliburton and Clark had, in addition to their Hospital work, a large medical practice in the town, and were for years the leading professional men. Socially Clark was a great favorite; a man of fine presence and dignified bearing. He took a leading part in the Scottish community, amassed wealth, having been successful in several privateering ventures, was twice President of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, 1789 and 1798, was Grand Master of Masons in succession to Hon. Richard Bulkeley in 1800-1, and was also a leading member in St. Matthew's Church, and popular with all classes of the town.

Dr. Clark, John Bremner, Alex. Brymer, Hon. Dr. John Halliburton and the two Geddesses, were a literary coterie, who met regularly for several years to read papers on social and scientific subjects at the Pontac Tavern. The papers and discussion occupied an hour, and then with friends the after-math devoted to wit, song and healths, was prolonged to the next morning. The Duke of Kent often joined them, and both Clark, Halliburton and Almon, who was several years connected with the Ordnance Hospital, were Physicians-in-Ordinary to the Duke of Kent, Lady St. Laurent and the household at

Prince's Lodge, while the Duke and his retinue remained in Halifax. Dr. Clark retired from his position in the Naval Yard in 1809.

1785.

The Society held its four quarterly meetings at the Pontac. At this date it numbered in its ranks many of the influential Scotchmen of the city; it gradually extended its charities, and helped many who about this time emigrated to the Province. The following gentlemen enrolled themselves this year:

John Cannel,	Robert Buchanan,
Donald MacLean,	John Leckie,
Andrew Liddell,	John Patterson,
Peter Smith,	Thomas Gordon,
Thomas Robertson,	William Annand.

The President obtained leave of absence from the Society to visit the Old Country. "The funds now in hand amount to £190." The following office-bearers were elected to serve for 1786:

George Smith, *President*;
 Dr. John Halliburton, *Vice-President*;
 William Lyon, *Secretary*;
 Andrew Liddell, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*;
 John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*;

A magnificent dinner was given on the 30th, at which all the leading men of the Province were present. Wit, mirth, and good speeches occupied the time from three in the afternoon until ten at night.

Biographical Notes—1785.

Andrew Liddell, from Berwick, Scotland, opened a general store on Hollis Street, opposite old St. Matthew's Church, was successful in business, and died in 1809.

Geo. Smith, a native of Dornoch, Scotland, came to Halifax by influence of Alex. Brymer. He commenced

business on Granville Street, near Duke Street, and for many years conducted a large establishment, principally in cordage and hardware. He made a splendid fortune, and like Mr. Brymer, was the means of several well-educated young Scotsmen coming to this country. He was ever a loyal and foremost member of the Society, and was popular and respected in his generation.

Wm. Annand, uncle of the late Hon. William Annand, was born at Glasgow, Scotland, May 2nd, 1759; was long associated with James Annand, who had a job printing office on Bedford Row. He was a most popular member of our Society, and in 1820 died at Halifax; was considered one of the most pleasing speakers at our meetings; was father of Hon. Wm. Annand, an esteemed Perpetual Member.

1786.

If records are a criterion of a Society's growing popularity and importance, the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY must this year have made great progress, as the transaction of a great amount of business is recorded.

A Committee appointed to revise the Rules, reported during this year, and their work was unanimously approved of, and the report was ordered to be printed. A Messenger, Wm. Campbell, was appointed. Two Assistant Vice-Presidents, Charles Geddes and James King, were also appointed. A long list of persons were relieved, and the benefit of our Institution was felt during the winter by the number of poor countrymen who arrived late in the previous autumn. The following members were enrolled during the year:

William Duffus,
James Alexander,
Andrew Gray,
John Anderson,
George MacIntosh,

John MacKie,
William Veitch,
James Ewing,
Peter Muir,
Robert Killo

As the revised Rules and By-Laws adopted this year for the future government of the Society do not differ materially from those under which the Society was subsequently incorporated, we will only note the preamble and first five leading rules:

“Preamble.—Every institution calculated for the charitable relief and assistance of our fellow-creatures in want and distress, is certainly commendable. Such, it is hoped, the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax will be acknowledged by all who candidly peruse the subsequent Rules of their institution.

“When people fall into misfortune and distress in any part of the world remote from the place of their nativity, they are ever ready to apply for relief to those originally from the same country, on the supposition that they may possibly have connection by blood with some of them, or at least know something of their relations.

“On this account the natives of Scotland, and those descended of Scots parentage in the Town of Halifax, agreed, in the year 1768, to form themselves into a Society, the principal design of which was to raise and keep a sum of money in readiness for the above creditable purpose.

“The good effects of it have been experienced for these eighteen years past; and though the application of this charity has been of course confined, as has the manner of collecting it, yet it may not prevent the Society from acting up to the principles of universal charity on other occasions, when their funds will afford to extend it.”

RULES OF THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY OF
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

(Revised and Adopted May 3rd, 1786.)

“ 1st.—The Society shall continue by the name of ‘ THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY ’ at Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia.

“ 2nd.—For maintaining a good understanding, acquaintance and fellowship with each other, the members of this Society shall assemble at some convenient house in the Town of Halifax, four times a year, besides their anniversary meeting, viz., the first Thursday in November, February, May and August. At these meetings the Society, or the major part of the members then met, may resolve upon and vote further rules and orders, as may from time to time be found necessary and convenient for its regulation and harmony.

“ 3rd.—At the meeting in November, the members then regularly met shall by majority of votes elect the officers for the ensuing year, viz., a President, Vice-President, two Assistants, a Treasurer, Secretary and Messenger, who must be all residents in the Town of Halifax.

“ The meeting of St. Andrew’s Day shall be called the Anniversary Assembly of the North British Society, on which day, or the day following, if that happen to be on Sunday, the officers elect are to enter upon their offices for the year ensuing.

“ 5th.—A majority of the members met at any of the quarterly meetings shall, upon due application made, have power to admit into the Society any man of honour and integrity as a resident member, provided he shall be a North Briton, or the son of a North Briton, and be previously proposed to the Society by one or more members, and approved by a majority at one of the quarterly meetings ; and with respect to honorary members, that is to

say, such gentlemen as do not stately reside in the Province, but become contributors and benefactors, their admission shall be wholly left to the direction of the President and Assistants.

“Voted unanimously, agreed, and sealed with the Society Seal, at the Town of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, at a quarterly meeting of the said Society, the third day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six.”

It is worthy of notice here that but John MacCrae, of the original fourteen who first met to organize the Society, signed the above rules; the remainder were all dead, or had gone back to Scotland within the short space of eighteen years. The annual meeting this year was the largest ever held since the formation of the Society. The following gentlemen were, by their request, added to the roll of honorary members:

Col. Thomas Dundas,
Major Hugh M. Gordon,
Hon. Henry Duncan (Commander R.N.),
Peter Hunter,

and took their seats during the evening. The Society made choice of the following gentlemen for office-bearers for the ensuing year, 1787:—

Doct. John Halliburton, *President*;
Mr. William Forsyth, *Vice-President*;
Doct. D. Clark, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Thomas Robertson, *Junior do. do.*;
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*;
Andw. Liddell and Anthony Paterson, *Secretaries*.

The Festival of the 30th November was celebrated as usual by a Grand Dinner at the Pontac Tavern, at which 150 were present. Amongst the invited guests of the Society were Governor Parr and Staff, Lieut.-General Lyons, the Admiral, the Chief Justice, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the St. George's, German and Irish



DR. DUNCAN CLARK

Societies. The Dinner passed off with great *eclat* and was under the able management of the following gentlemen, who received the thanks of the Society for the able manner in which they discharged their duties.

Doct. John Halliburton,
Hon. Michael Wallace,
Hon. Alexander Brymer,
Hon. Anthony Stewart,
Andrew McGill.

About £75 was disbursed this year amongst the poor emigrants who arrived during the summer.

Biographical Notes—1786.

Robert Killo was a native of Aberdeen, master mariner, and a nephew of one of the Founders of the Society.

Mr. Ewing was a native of Perth, and emigrated from Scotland in 1765. His place of business was corner of Buckingham and Granville Streets, west side. He was in the fancy goods trade, and was connected with several large ventures to the East. He made a great fortune in trade here, and returned to Perth in 1814. He was Secretary in 1798 and President in 1806 and 1811. He was noted for his financial abilities and for his capital singing at meetings of the Society.

Hon. Henry Duncan (Commander R.N.), and Commissioner of the Dockyard here, was a most enthusiastic Scotchman. He resided in the Dockyard, and for many years was member of the Council, and a leading member of St. Matthew's Church. Was elected President in 1796.

1787.

This year the Society had at its head one of the most popular men who ever held that office—Doctor John Haliburton, who, by his winning manner, induced members to take even a more than ordinary interest in the business of the meetings, which were all well attended. During the year the following were admitted members:—

Adam Fife,	Dunbar Sloane,
Jas. Johnson,	Alexander Bremner,
Duncan Grant,	William Kidston,
Rev. Dr. A. Brown,	Alexander Clunas.

In the above list may be noticed the names of several who through a long period of membership acquitted themselves with credit, and were distinguished by the genial interest they manifested in the Society's welfare.

The Society donated to the settlers at Preston this winter £10, for, although beyond the limits of the Society's usual charities, the sufferings of the negroes demanded attention from all charitably disposed societies and persons throughout the community.

This year a committee was appointed to take charge of one of the original fourteen who founded the Society in 1768. John MacCrae, for many years Steward. and who had been re-elected to that office from time to time, having shown strong marks of insanity, and his affairs thereby getting into a deranged state, and his family being in want, the Committee ably discharged their duties, maintaining him and his household till his death, which took place in January, 1788, when he was interred at the Society's expense, his family receiving assistance for years after. Thus the benefits of the Institution were illustrated in the case of one of its founders, who, at the period of its formation was in comfortable circumstances, and little dreamed of adverse affairs and an impoverished end. By the annual statement at the November meeting we find the finances in a healthy condition, the amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer being

£190 8s. Peter McNab gave his bond for £130, at six per cent. interest, until next annual meeting. The Society elected the following office-bearers for 1788:

William Forsyth, *President*;

Dr. Duncan Clarke, *Vice-President*;

Andrew Liddell and Richard Kidston, *Asst. do.*;

John Patterson and John Bremner, *Secretaries*;

Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*;

William Annand, John McGill, *Stewards*;

Peter Muir, *Messenger*, at 10s. per quarter;

Rev. Andrew Brown, *Chaplain* (the first appointment of that kind made).

And the first regular Committee of Charity of the Society was appointed this evening; heretofore the Stewards having performed that duty. Committee of Charity:

Doctor John Halliburton,

Doctor Duncan Clarke,

Hon. Michael Wallace,

William Forsyth and

Andrew MacGill.

The festival was duly celebrated on the 30th November, at the Golden Ball Tavern, corner Hollis, rear Sackville Street, at which Governor Parr and Suite, General Ogilvie, Bishop Inglis, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the St. George's, German and Irish Societies, were the invited guests. These, with about a hundred and fifty of the Scotsmen of the City, had a magnificent re-union, of which a flattering notice appeared in New York and Philadelphia papers, representatives of the Scottish Societies of those cities having been present.

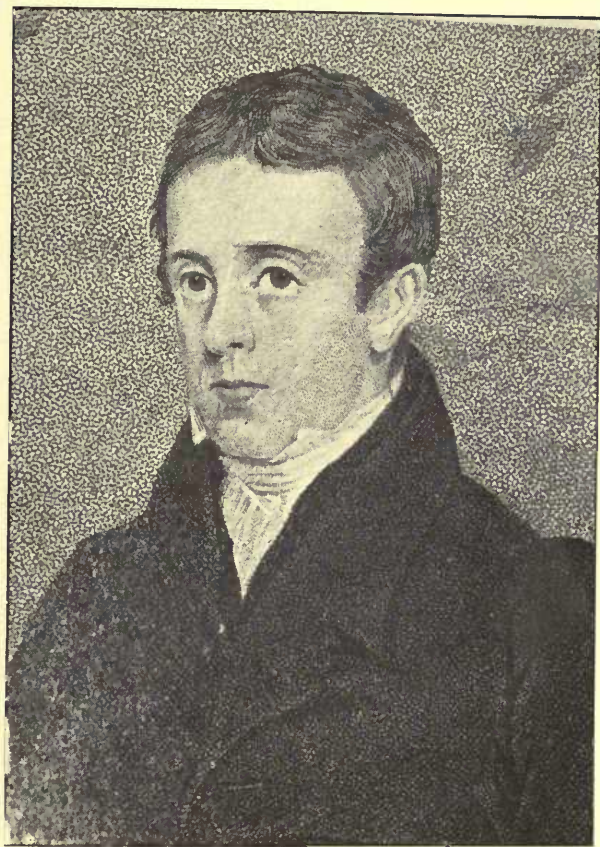
Biographical Notes—1787.

Dunbar Sloane was a Loyalist from New York, who with Jas. Johnson went to Barbados, but not liking the climate, came to Halifax, and for several years carried on an iron business in Lower Water Street, foot of Sackville Street. Sloane afterwards returned to New York, where many of his descendants are in business to-day.

Dr. Andrew Brown, our first Chaplain and minister of St. Matthew's Church, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. He came out to Halifax in 1787, and continued Pastor till 1795; was an eloquent and noted divine in his day. He wrote a History of Nova Scotia, the manuscript of which is in the British Museum. It remains unpublished through an accident. The vessel carrying it to Britain was wrecked; among other wreckage it came ashore in an old trunk near Southampton, and years after was discovered in a chandler's shop in London. Fortunately only a few leaves were missing. It was purchased by some one who knew its value, and deposited in the Library of the Museum. A great deal of it has reappeared in publications credited to other writers than Brown. He returned to Scotland and died at Edinburgh early in the 19th century. While in Halifax he was a most popular member, a splendid speaker, and was long remembered for his keen satire and quaint humour, and while in Nova Scotia outstripped all his contemporaries in genius and literary acquirements. In 1791, he was appointed by the Imperial Government Garrison Chaplain to the Scottish dissenting Troops in Halifax, with a salary of £70 sterling. This he received until his departure from Halifax in 1795. After his return to Scotland, he succeeded the great Dr. Blair in Edinburgh University as Professor of Rhetoric and *belles lettres*.

Biographical Note—1788.

Lieut.-General Jas. Ogilvie, an Honorary Member, was in command of the Forces in Nova Scotia several years. The Fort near Point Pleasant was named after him. The General was a most enthusiastic Scotchman of the old school, and a remarkable man of ability in his profession. He attended many of the meetings of the Society, and spoke at several of the St. Andrew dinners. He was a great friend of John Bremner and also of Alex Brymer



REV. ANDREW BROWN



BRIGADIER-GENERAL OGILVIE

and several other wealthy Scottish members of the Society. It was said at the time that he was a silent partner in the house of Wm. Forsyth & Co., and had placed £20,000 sterling there to advance the interest of his only son James, who had no inclination for a professional life. His son was with Forsyth for several years, and retired with £40,000 sterling. He died at London in 1820. The General died at Carnonsie, Banffshire, in 1816, aged 78 years.

1788.

This year the Society was called upon to aid several refugees in returning to Scotland; amongst the number was the Rev. Andrew Mitchell, who played a conspicuous part as a Loyalist in Boston during the rebellion. The four Quarterly Meetings were well attended, and at the annual in November the following were elected to govern the Society for the ensuing year:

Doct. Duncan Clarke, *President*;

Charles Geddes, *Vice-President*;

Adam Fife and John Bremner, *Asst. do.*

Alexander Brymer, Junr., *Secretary*;

James Stewart, *Asst. do.*;

Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*;

Peter Muir, *Messenger*;

James Veitch, } *Stewards for the Festival.*
William Hogg, }

Richard Kidston, }
Robert Killo, } *Committee of Charity.*
Alexander Ross, }
James Dechman, }
Adam Fife, }

The following members were acquired during the year:

Alex. Brymer, Jr.,

James Fraser,

Roderick MacKay,

Charles Handyside,

Hon. James Stewart,

Alex. Abercrombie,

John Irvin.

Alexander Wills.

(Alex. Brymer, Jr., was nephew of Hon. Alex. Brymer).

And the following were admitted as Honorary Members:

Brigadier-General Ogilvie, the Commander of the Forces; Major Scott, R.A.; Major Thomson, 57th Regiment.

The festival was celebrated by the usual dinner, held this year at the Golden Ball, Governor Parr and Suite, the Admiral and Flag Lieutenants, the General and Staff, the Bishop, and the leading officials being the invited guests. The festivity commenced at 5 o'clock p.m., and was kept up with great spirit till 2 a.m., December 1st. As the Society had then enrolled all the leading citizens of the City, they being nearly all Scotsmen, the dinner was always one of the great events of the year. This one proved no exception to the rule.

1789.

This year a large amount was distributed, as there were at the time many needy applicants; otherwise but little of note occurred.

David Hall,	John Hall,
John Grant,	John MacKenzie,

were admitted ordinary members.

At the annual meeting, Peter McNab, Esq., renewed his Bond to the Society, adding to the original amount twenty pounds. His new Bond was for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds. At this meeting, the following were appointed office-bearers for 1790:

Hon. Alexander Brymer,	<i>President;</i>
Michael Wallace,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
William Lyon,) <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
John Bremner,	
Alexander Ross,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
John Paterson,	<i>Secretary.</i>

The Committee of Charity, and Messenger, were unanimously re-elected.

The festival was celebrated at the Golden Ball, by the usual magnificent dinner. Governor Parr and Suite, the General and Staff, the Bishop and leading Clergy, and in fact all the notables of the Province were present. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of St. George's, St. Patrick's, and the German Societies, were also guests on this occasion. The band of the 74th Regiment was in attendance. The prints of the date give a very flattering account of the spirit and style which marked this dinner.

At this date, an immense business was carried on in and from Halifax. The world was in a continual state of war. Many prizes were captured by the great fleet of men-of-war and privateers on this station, brought into Halifax, condemned in Admiralty Court and sold at auction. Many of these prizes were first-class ships, well built and equipped for long service. Syndicates or Companies of our merchants would purchase these vessels and cargoes sometimes at a low rate, and being all ready for sea would at once be dispatched to foreign markets. The result of these speculations would at times ensure tremendous returns. These vessels would take return cargoes, and when trading in the East times would not return to Halifax for years after. Meanwhile their business results would be transmitted to Halifax and invested in further speculations; so that, although Halifax had a small population at this time, the enterprise of her Scottish merchants was known to all mercantile centres of the trading world.

1790.

Great interest was manifested in the proceedings of the Society; and it is here worthy of remark, that but few members absented themselves from either the ordinary or special meetings, several of which were called

this year. Among the gentlemen who, we may say, never missed a meeting, may be mentioned the names of

Hon. Michael Wallace,	William Duffus,
Alexander Brymer,	James Dechman,
Andrew Liddell,	Alex. Bremner.

and others. A large number were relieved by the Society this year, and a committee was appointed to revise the rules lately adopted, as several additions had since been made, and alterations had become necessary. The Committee consisted of the following:—

Doctor Andrew Brown,
Hon. Alexander Brymer,
Hon. Michael Wallace,
William Forsyth,
Alexander Brymer, Jr.

The Committee were to report for the approval of the Society sometime during 1791. The funds of the Society were in a flourishing state, although many claims had been satisfied, and much distress alleviated. The following were admitted ordinary members this year:

Alexander Morrison,	John Hunter,
John Ross,	Archibald Ferguson,
William Thompson,	Colin Campbell,
John Morton,	William Smith,
James Forbes,	James Forman,
George Grassie,	James Stewart (2),
Andrew Cumming.	

At the annual meeting,

Alexander Thomson was elected *President*;

John Grant, *Vice-President*;

Alex. Brymer, Jr.,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents.</i>
William Lyon,	

The Committee of Charity, and Stewards, were unanimously re-elected, and a vote of thanks passed for their able management during the past year. The celebration

of the 30th November took place at the Golden Ball, and was attended, as usual, by all the notables of the Province.

Biographical Notes—1790.

William Thompson—afterward Prothonotary.

William Smith, familiarly called at this time "The Rebel," was a very clever man, and represented Halifax County for many years. His nephew, Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, strongly resembled him in appearance. Mr. Smith was elected President in 1800.

1791.

This year the Society experienced a great loss, in the death of the Treasurer, Mr. Alexander Ross, who for many years took a very active interest in the welfare of the Institution. His son, John Ross, was unanimously elected in his stead. Several special meetings were called, to take into consideration many cases which demanded the aid and care of the Society, all of which were well attended to. The Society prospered during this year, and there appears to have been a lively interest taken in its affairs by the great majority of the members. It may here be worthy of note, that the Quarterly Meetings were summoned for a quarter before five p.m., and that they generally closed at 10 o'clock. The festival was celebrated, as usual, in grand style, at the Golden Ball. The cost of entertaining the public guests, among whom was the Administrator of the Government, Hon. Richard Bulkeley, was covered by a grant from the funds of the Society. About one hundred and fifty sat down to dinner, and the day was closed, as usual, in great harmony.

The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution and By-Laws, met in September, and sub-

mitted a code for the future government of the Society. The Committee, in bringing them forward, expressed a hope that they would be considered as the final laws of the Society, and that no further amendments would be considered necessary. They improved several of the old By-Laws, and added those that had been passed since the last revision, in 1786. These Rules were passed unanimously at a large meeting, and were principally framed by the Hon. Michael Wallace. With a few amendments, these were the Rules under which the Society was incorporated.

The officers for 1792 were elected at the November meeting, viz.:

John Grant, *President*;

John Bremner, *Vice-President*;

Alex. Brymer, }
William Lyon, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;

John Ross, *Treasurer*;

George Grassie, *Secretary*;

Rev. Andrew Brown, *Chaplain*;

Peter Muir, *Messenger*;

Committee of Charity—re-elected.

Biographical Note—1791.

John Grant was a wealthy merchant; Victualler to the Navy for several years, was a leader in politics, and a great favorite in society. His place of business was on the corner of Prince and Hollis Streets, where the present Union Bank now stands.

1792.

The Society had many applications this year from distressed countrymen wishing to be relieved and enabled to reach their homes in Scotland. Many were from Bos-

ton and Philadelphia. The Society was ably seconded in its praiseworthy efforts by the firm of William Forsyth & Co., the partners of which house were active members on the Roll of the Society, as their ships generally took back to Scotland several of the poor at every trip. They were publicly thanked on several occasions for their meritorious services in this particular way. Several gentlemen were added to the Society this year, viz.:

Alexander Izatt,	Archibald Wilson,
Wickworth Allan,	George Glennie,
Admiral Murray,	Commander-in-Chief on the
Station.	

To the Honorary List were added,

Captain Duncan Campbell, R.N.	Titus Levi.
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The above gentlemen attended several meetings of the Society.

Mr. Andrew Cummings presented the Society with a ballot box, for which he received a vote of thanks.

The November meeting was largely attended, and the following popular gentlemen elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

James Stewart,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Lyon,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
James Forman,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
Wm. Smith,		
John Ross,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
James Forbes,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
David Hall,	<i>Asst. do.;</i>	
Wm. Kidston, Peter McNab,	} <i>Committee</i>	
Robert Killo, Wm. Annand,		<i>of</i>
James Dechman,		<i>Charity.</i>
James Stewart,	} <i>Stewards;</i>	
John Hunter,		
Dr. Andrew Brown,	<i>Chaplain;</i>	
John Taylor,	<i>Messenger;</i>	

The President,	} <i>A Committee to Superintend the Festival.</i>
Vice Do.,	
Doctor Clarke,	
John Brown,	
Michl. Wallace,	

The Festival was celebrated, as usual, on the 30th, at the Golden Ball. Prior to the dinner the Society paraded through the principal streets in procession, and then attended Divine Service at the Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Andrew Brown, Chaplain to the Society, preached a sermon on "St. Andrew," and gave a most eloquent speech at the dinner. He was the clever orator of his day. Afterwards the members dined together, with the leading men of the Province as guests, the new Lieut.-Governor, John Wentworth, Admiral, Heads of Departments, etc. The dinner passed off with great *eclat*, and was favorably noticed in the journals of the day.

Biographical Notes—1792.

Admiral Murray was always in trouble with the people of Halifax, about his Press Gangs, which gave great concern to the merchants, who at times could not get men to man their vessels, so many were impressed for the Fleet. Men were scarce, and there was a large Fleet on the Station, which required to be well manned. At this date many ships of war were detained for weeks in port on this account—hence the trouble with Murray.

Hon. James Stewart, son of Anthony Stewart, was born at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1760, and came with his father to Halifax in 1780. He was educated in Halifax, finishing with a term and degree at Edinburgh University; was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia, and for many years was a valued and leading light of his profession, attaining the position of Solicitor-General. For several years he was elected member for Halifax County,



HON. JAMES STEWART

and was subsequently appointed a member of the old Council of Twelve, and enjoyed the reputation of being not only a profound logician, but a most popular member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY; served in all the minor offices, and was three times elected President. Mr. Stewart was a pleasing speaker, a thorough Scot, and at the annual celebrations brimful of patriotic Scottish spirit. He amassed wealth and married the daughter of Hon. John Halliburton. For many years he resided in the house which he built in 1790, on the corner of Morris and Pleasant, now occupied by Col. Stewart. After a most useful life Mr. Stewart died in 1823, greatly regretted. Mr. Douglas Stewart, Asst. P.O. Inspector, is a great-grandson.

Lieut. James Stewart, 74th Regiment, elected as Honorary Member in 1832, was a son of Hon. James Stewart. Dunbar D. Stewart, elected member in 1815, was also a son.

1793.

This was certainly a year of progress with the Society. The four quarterly meetings, held at the British Tavern, were attended by almost every member on the roll, and no less than 17 members were admitted, viz.:

John Stewart,	William Grigor,
David Brown,	John Black,
James Geddie,	Thomas MacKenzie,
James Thorn,	John Thompson,
William Forsyth (2nd),	John Stewart,
John Taylor,	Duncan Brown,
Lieut. John Fraser,	Lt. Alex. Sutherland,
Capt. K. MacDonald,	Lt. Donald Campbell.

Vigour is perceptible in the records of every meeting; and we have but to mark the amount of business trans-

acted, the number of poor relieved, and the general interest manifested in the different questions placed before the Society, to feel certain that the institution was a real benefit to the Town and to our countrymen. At the November meeting, the following were elected to govern the Society for 1794:

John Bremner,	<i>President</i> ;	
Alex. Brymer, Jr.,	<i>Vice do.</i> ;	
William Kidston,	} <i>Asst. Vice Presidents</i> ;	
David Hall,		
Wickworth Allan,	<i>Secretary</i> ;	
James Ewing,	<i>Asst. do.</i> ;	
John Ross,	<i>Treasurer</i> ;	
P. MacNeil, Wm. Annand,	} <i>Committee</i>	
Wm. Kidston, Robt. Lyon,		<i>of</i>
William Hogg,		<i>Charity</i> ;
Jas. Stewart,		
Doctor Clarke,	} <i>Committee of Festival</i> ;	
Michl. Wallace,		
Wm. Lyon,		
Alex. Morrison,	} <i>Stewards of the Festival</i> ;	
Wm. Forsyth,		
John Taylor,	<i>Messenger</i> .	

The festival was celebrated at the British Tavern, on Monday, the 2nd December, the 30th falling on Saturday. It was, as usual, the great dinner of the season. The toast list included 40 regular, and 10 volunteer healths. Including members and public guests, over one hundred and fifty were present.

William Forsyth (2nd) was nephew of Hon. Wm. Forsyth.

William Grigor was father of Hon. Dr. Grigor.

Lieut. John Fraser, Capt. K. MacDonald, Lieut. Alex. Sutherland, Lieut. Donald Campbell, all of the Fraser Highlanders.

Biographical Notes—1793.

John Bremner, President in 1794, and again in 1799, was a most popular and enterprising merchant. He made fortune after fortune through his purchases of prizes condemned and sold here by Admiralty Court. He was with Alex. Brymer, a leader in society and business, and was noted for his profuse hospitality. As President, he twice furnished all the wines consumed at the dinners of the Society by members and guests. He was a bachelor, Colonel of Militia, President of the old Rockingham Club, an aristocratic Association which dined regularly once a month, at the old Rockingham Inn, near Prince's Lodge, and which lasted for thirty years. He was never absent from our Society meetings. Was related to the Mitchell family now represented by George Mitchell and brothers, and was grand uncle of our respected Perpetual Member, and Past President, Col. Jas. J. Bremner. He was a friend of Cobbett the historian, who twice visited Halifax, and divided his time between Mr. Bremner and Hon. Richard Bulkeley whom he resided with while here.

1794.

This year the Society steadily increased in numbers and usefulness. The gentlemen who had the guidance of the institution being popular citizens, the meetings of the past year were all eclipsed by the attendance of an unusually large number of Scotchmen, who were this year passing through the Province, going to and returning from Scotland. The presence also, at Halifax, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, attracted a brilliant Staff to the Town, and there being many of our countrymen in the personal Suite of Prince Edward, this led to the meetings being so fully attended by many of

the above as guests. During the year the following were enrolled as members:

Alexander Patillo,	William Findley,
James Donaldson,	Thomas Donaldson,
Robert Milne,	Robert Ferguson,
James Kidston.	

The Society presented an address to His Royal Highness, which was well received and cordially replied to. At the November meeting, the Treasurer presented a very interesting report, showing that during the past year, over £100 had been expended in charity, there having been many applications for relief. This alone exhibits the vigilance of the Society in giving relief, and the amount of good performed at that time.

The election of office-bearers took place at this meeting, when the following were chosen:

The Honble. Chief Justice Strange, <i>President</i> ;	
Hon. Michael Wallace, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
George Grassie,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents</i> ;
Wickworth Allen,	
Robert Lyon and James Stewart, <i>Secretaries</i> ;	
Peter McNab, Wm. Annand,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
William Kidston, William Hogg,	
Peter Lyon,	
Dr. Duncan Clarke,	} <i>Committee of Festival</i> ;
John Bremner,	
William Forsyth,	
James Stewart,	
Committee of Charity—re-elected.	
Rev. Dr. Brown, <i>Chaplain</i> ;	
Alexander Izatt and Wm. Forsyth, <i>Stewards</i> ;	
John Taylor, <i>Messenger</i> .	

The most brilliant reunion, perhaps, which has ever taken place in Halifax, was witnessed at the Festival of St. Andrew this year. A Committee, consisting of the

President and Assistant Presidents, waited upon His Royal Highness Prince Edward, tendering him the hospitalities of the Society for that occasion: which Committee was most graciously received, and the invitation accepted for December 1st, the 30th Nov. happening on Sunday. The celebration took place at the British Tavern, Chief Justice Strange in the Chair, with His Royal Highness on his right and Governor Wentworth on his left. The tables were arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross, and the decorations of the room were such as to have taken over three weeks to complete. The tables were covered with plate, the private property of members. Two Regimental Bands, the 7th and 24th, furnished the music. The whole was arranged under the personal supervision of the Chief Justice, a gentleman of taste and discernment. Over two hundred were present, and the Vice-Chairman, Hon. Michael Wallace, acquitted himself in a manner which did great honor to himself and the Society. The Prince was remarked for his unaffected ease, and also for his conviviality on this occasion. A song from Mr. George Grassie, founded on the lineage of the reigning Family as connected with the Scottish race, gave a happy tone to the entertainment, and was loudly encored by the Prince. This large and honoured festival was kept up with great spirit till 1 a.m., December 2nd, the Prince remaining until that hour. The whole arrangement was particularly flattering to the Society, and reflected great credit upon the office-bearers for their spirit in conducting the whole affair to such a happy conclusion. The cost of the entertainment was over four hundred pounds, which was defrayed by the subscription of members, many of whom gave from five to twenty pounds. This entertainment was noticed by all the leading journals of America and Great Britain, and the New York press, in noticing the same, remarked that it was the greatest public dinner ever given by a charitable institution in America. It certainly was a most illustrious

assemblage. His Royal Highness, The Lieut.-Governor of the Province, with a brilliant suite; Admiral Murray, Commander-in-Chief on the Station, with a large assemblage of the Officers of the Army and Navy, joined with the majority of the wealthy Scottish merchants of Halifax, in every way bears evidence to the position occupied by our Society at that day.

1795.

Under the Presidency of Chief Justice Strange the Society kept well to the front in efficiency and spirit. The four Quarterly meetings were held at the British Tavern, and the Chief Justice called several special meetings to examine into cases of distress which presented selves. During the year the following were enrolled themselves. During the year the following were enrolled members, proposed principally by Mr. William Forsyth:

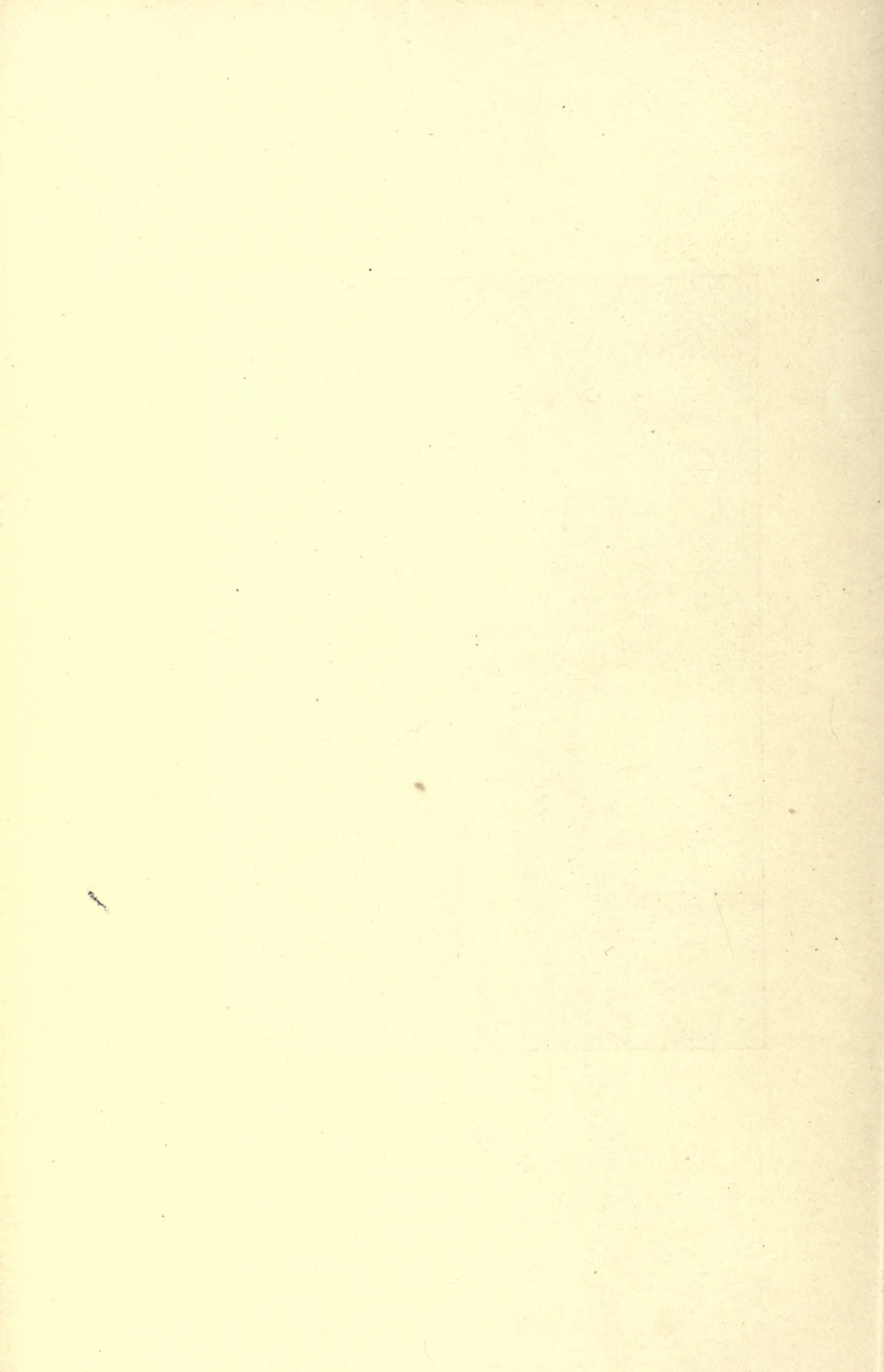
John Lennox,	Kenneth MacKenzie,
William Eddy,	Peter Robb,
Thomas Russell,	James Mills,
William Bremner,	Alexander MacLean,
William Patterson,	Wm. Gauld.

At the meetings of this year Admiral Murray was a most constant attendant, and at the annual election of officers he was unanimously chosen President, but had to decline the honour, knowing that he would be unavoidably absent during the next year. The Society then elected the following:

Staff Commander Duncan, *President*;
 Hon. John Halliburton, *Vice-President*;
 Dr. D. Clarke and John Bremner, *Asst. Vice. do.*;
 Robert Lyon, *Secretary*;
 James Ewing, *Asst. Secretary*;



CHIEF JUSTICE STRANGE



John Ross, *Treasurer*;
Committee of Charity,—re-elected;
Rev. Dr. Brown, *Chaplain*;
John Taylor, *Messenger*.

The Festival, although not so brilliantly conducted as last year, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the British Tavern, all the leading men of the Army, Navy and Departments being present, the Governor, Admiral and Bishop amongst the number.

Biographical Notes—1795.

John Lennox and Peter Robb were in business together in flour and meal, head of Manchester Wharf, above the present Ordnance. They retired from trade in 1818.

Chief Justice Strange, born in Aberdeen in 1752, was appointed Chief Justice of Nova Scotia in succession to Chief Justice Pemberton, in 1792, which office he held until 1797, when he resigned to accept the position of Chief Justice of Bombay. On his passage out to India, having convinced himself that he had unconsciously done injustice in one of his decisions before leaving the Bench, he wrote a friend in Halifax declaring his conviction, and enclosing a draft for the amount which the party had wrongfully paid. He was a man of magnificent presence, was social in character, and an enthusiastic Scotchman. His speeches at the Society meetings and dinners were oratorical efforts of the brightest patriotic eloquence. He attained the position of Chief Justice of Calcutta in 1804, and died there in 1811.

1796.

The four Quarterly meetings were held at the British Coffee House. The Committee of Charity was kept actively employed, as a large amount stands upon the

Treasurer's account as having been expended. This year several gentlemen joined, viz.:

James Wiseman,	Rev. Dr. Arch. Gray,
James Sharp,	James Smith,
James Munn,	Alex. Fraser,
Matthew Richardson,	Alex. Halkett,
John Walker,	James Romans,
Alex. Barnett,	James Pirnie.

At the November meeting, John Bremner and Richard Kidston became Perpetual Members by paying £10 each to the funds. A Committee was appointed to invest all the funds of the Society in Provincial securities. A letter was read from Sir John Wentworth, the Lieut.-Governor, asking the Society to nominate two members to take charge of the estate of Mr. Samuel Scott, a lunatic. Chas. Geddes and William Lyon were appointed to that duty. The election of office-bearers resulted in the choice of the following:

Hon. J. Halliburton,	<i>President;</i>
Dr. D. Clarke,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
William Smith,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Capt. Alex. Sutherland,	
Robert Lyon,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Matthew Richardson,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
Wm. Kidston,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Rev. Dr. Archibald Gray,	<i>Chaplain.</i>

The Committee of Charity were unanimously re-elected, and also the Stewards of the Festival.

The officers elect had charge of the arrangements for the festival which was held on the 30th at the British Coffee House. The company sat down at 4 and rose at 12 p.m. Among the invited guests were His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, the Admiral, the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Secretary of the Province.

Biographical Notes—1796.

Matthew Richardson, a most estimable member, was in business many years in Halifax, and made considerable money. He was long supposed to have been in partnership in several speculations with Earl Dalhousie, who had considerable funds at command while in British America.

Rev. Dr. Arch. Gray afterwards became Chaplain of the Society.

Hon. Henry Duncan, R.N., a connection of the famous Naval Commander, Viscount Duncan; was born at Dundee in 1751, and entering the Navy at an early age, was in active service for many years in the East and on the West India Station. In 1780 he was appointed to the Halifax Dockyard with rank of Commander, and for many years was Commissioner, and was appointed by Lieut.-Governor Parr as member of Council for Nova Scotia. This position he retained for a lengthened period. In 1786 he became a member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, and for over 20 years was a constant attendant at the meetings. He was a most popular man in Halifax, and was greatly interested in business with Alex. Brymer and others in various large speculations, which resulted in great profit to all concerned. In 1796 he was elected President of the Society, and conducted the business of that year to the great satisfaction of the members. Commander Duncan was a pleasing speaker, and a loyal Scotchman through and through.

1797.

The Society this year held its position, and even an increased interest appears to have been taken in its affairs, by its large roll of members. The meetings all

took place at the British Coffee House, and the following were admitted members:

Robert Nicholl,	James Frame,
John Gauld,	James Barron,
John MacAlpine,	Peter McNab,
Duncan MacQueen,	John McNab,

and the following elected Honorary members:

Captain H. Mowatt,	H.M. Ship <i>Assistance</i> ;
Captain W. Taylor,	H.M. Ship <i>Andromeda</i> ;
Lieutenant Scott,	<i>do.</i> ;
Lieutenant Chalmers,	<i>do.</i> ;
Doctor Jamieson,	H.M. Ship <i>Lynx</i> .

The Society again passed a vote of thanks to Wm. Forsyth & Co., members, for their humanity and benevolence in forwarding to Scotland, free of expense, two orphans in their ship *Cato*. At the November meeting a large amount was devoted to charitable objects, and considerable business involving the interests of the Society transacted. The following office-bearers were elected:

Doctor Duncan Clarke,	<i>President</i> ;
John Bremner,	<i>Vice-President</i> ;
George Grassie and Robt. Lyon,	<i>Asst. Vice-President</i> ;
William Kidston,	<i>Treasurer</i> ;
James Ewing,	<i>Secretary</i> ;
John Taylor,	<i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;
Committee of Charity—re-elected;	
Rev. Archibald Gray,	<i>Chaplain</i> .

The festival was celebrated with great *eclat*, on the 30th, and was attended, as usual, by a large number of the leading men of the Province.

Biographical Notes—1797.

Duncan MacQueen was connected with the Dockyard and was a most esteemed official for many years.

James Barron, a native of St. Andrew's, Scotland, was a leading merchant here for over half a century.



HENRY DUNCAN, R. N.

1798.

It is surprising, in scanning the records of our Society, to observe how the interest was maintained in the affairs and routine business of the Association. After a term of years of uninterrupted prosperity the zeal in the duties of such an institution, located in a small community, might be expected to flag; but it was not so in this case, as the following additions to the roll were made during the year:

Donald Munro,	Alexander Melvin,
Alexander Phillips,	Thomas Neilson,
Thomas Richardson,	Alex. McDougall,
Alexander Fraser.	

Simon Fraser was elected an Honorary Member.

This, with a large amount expended by the Charity Committee, serves to show that our forefathers looked upon this institution as worthy of attention and building up.

At the November meeting, which was attended by over 80 members, the following were chosen office-bearers for 1799:

John Bremner,	<i>President;</i>
George Grassie,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Matthew Richardson,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Robert Lyon,	
James Thorn,	<i>Secretary;</i>
James Kidston,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
William Kidston,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Committee of Charity—re-elected;	
Rev. Archibald Gray,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
John Taylor,	<i>Messenger;</i>
Archibald Wilson,	} <i>Stewards.</i>
James Barron,	
James Frame,	

The 30th November was honored as usual; a Sermon was preached before the Society by the Chaplain, Rev. Archibald Gray, at Mathers Church. The Society dined together at the British Tavern, over 150 were present, and the President, as in 1793, in honour of his re-election to the chair, furnished his own private wines to over 50 public guests.

Biographical Note—1798.

Simon Fraser belonged to the Fraser of Lovett family, a retired Captain of the Navy, who resided in Halifax until his death in 1821.

1799.

This year was marked by the large attendance at the ordinary and extra meetings of the Society, on several occasions over one hundred being present. Several shipwrecked mariners were looked after, and a great amount of distress alleviated. As this was noted as the most severe winter experienced since the settlement, the charity of the Society was every day called upon, and the vital good of the Institution was amply exhibited. The meetings were held at the British Coffee House, and at the November meeting the office-bearers for 1800 were elected, as follows:

George Grassie,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Smith,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Matthew Richardson,		} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
James Thorn,		
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
James Fraser,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
John Ross,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
William Hogg,		} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
William Annand,		
James Romans,		
Robert Lyon,		
A. Morrison,		



JOHN BREMNER

James Barron,	}	<i>Stewards;</i>
James Wilson,		
James MacPherson,		
Rev. Archibald Gray, <i>Chaplain;</i>		
John Taylor, <i>Messenger;</i>		

During the year the following were admitted ordinary members:

John Hay,	William Robertson,
Duncan MacPherson,	George Donaldson,
Hugh MacDonald,	John Wilson,
John Livingstone,	John James Grant,
Donald Fraser,	Thomas Buchanan,
Alexander Mitchell,	Hugh Ritchie.

Captain Skene, H.M. Ship *Dart*, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

The festival was celebrated in the usual style, on the 30th, at the British Coffee House, there being over 100 present, including Lieut.-Governor Wentworth and Suite.

1800.

This year the meetings were held in various places; the Wentworth Coffee House, Prince Edward's Hotel and the British Coffee House, having been patronized. The Society acquired but two members:

William Strachan, John MacNaughton,

A large sum was expended by the Charity Committee.

It may here be noticed, that on the death of a member the Society was summoned to attend, and six appointed pall-bearers, but in consequence of the increasing number of members, the deaths which happened from time to time were not noted on the records. A supply of mourning scarves, gloves, and hat-bands, was always kept on hand, provided at the expense of the Society.

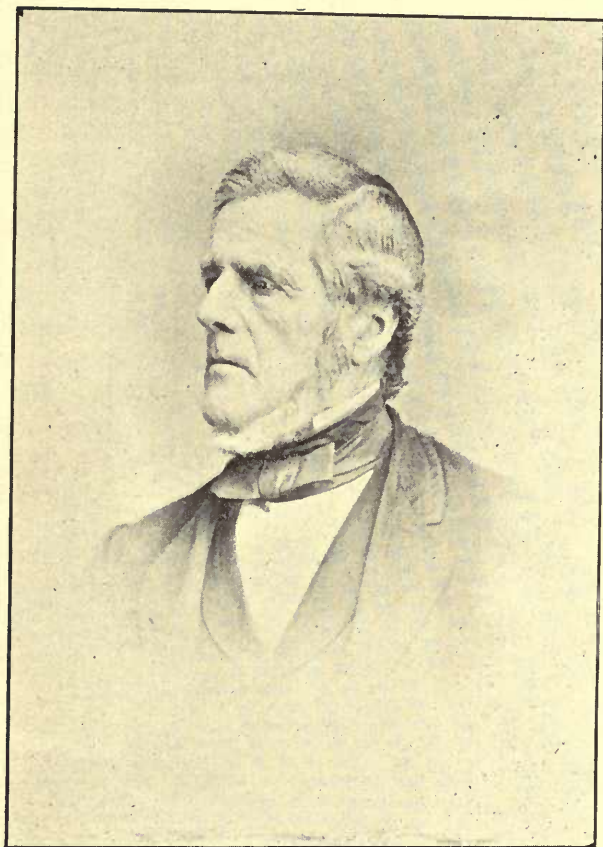
At the November meeting, which was attended by over sixty members, the office-bearers were chosen as follows:

William Smith, *President*;
 James Forman, *Vice-President*;
 Captain Sutherland, }
 James Fraser, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
 Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
 John Ross, *Secretary*;
 Daniel Fraser, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Committee of Charity—re-elected;
 Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*;
 John Taylor, *Messenger*;

Several shipwrecked seamen, who otherwise would have been uncared for, were forwarded to Scotland at the Society's expense. The festival was held at the British Tavern on the 30th, Lieut.-Governor Wentworth, Generals Boyer and Despard, Admiral Vandeput, Bishop Inglis and other notables present, and passed off as usual, well managed, and a complete success.

By the Treasurer's Report this year, we find that the Society had now over £500 invested.

At the close of the eighteenth century, the Society occupied a leading place in the community. Enrolled in its ranks were all the wealthiest merchants of the Scottish fraternity in Halifax; and just here we would recapitulate, for the benefit of many of their descendants, a few of the most enterprising and prominent of them: Peter McNab, Alex. Brymer, James Black, William Bowie, Andrew McGill, Michael Wallace, John Bremner, Richard Kidston, Sen., Alex. Copeland, James Strachan, Robt. Geddes, Chas. Geddes, William and Robt. Lyon, Peter Lennox, Anthony Stewart, Jas. Benvie, Wm. Forsyth, James Ewing, Dunbar Sloane, William Kidston, John Grant, George Grassie, Winckworth Allan, John Black, James Fraser, James Thom, William Bremner,



WILLIAM SMITH

Alex. Mitchell, Matthew Richardson, James Grant, Wm. Strachan, Duncan Brown, James Forman, Wm. Smith, Wm. Shaw,—a great list of worthy Scottish merchants, who for many years illustrated by their example and success the virtues and indomitable energy of the Scottish people they so well represented.

The above by no means exhausts the list of the Scottish mercantile guild of our City at that early period, but for illustration it is sufficient. The majority not only enjoyed their well-earned wealth, but they were foremost in all good works, and achieved many honours, and at a time in Halifax of great demoralization and profligacy set an example for uprightness and virtue, which was a very bulwark of strength to our community, the good effect of which is felt to-day, and which makes their memories revered by the Scotchmen of our City, who feel that they laid the foundations of a mercantile morality, which it is incumbent upon their successors to copy and perpetuate. We speak here but of the merchants, as they so largely predominated at this date in our Society; but our Professional list was a long and illustrious one, besides those who belonged to the more retired walks of life. All were worthy Scots—all worthy of the fraternity and of the land they came from.

1801.

The quarterly meetings were held this year at the British Coffee House, and were well attended. Over £100 was laid out by the Charity Committee, and £50 invested, showing the funds of the Society to have been well attended to. Nothing of interest otherwise was transacted. Four ordinary members were admitted, viz.:

James Fergus,
David Shepherd,

Alexander Brown,
Thomas Moir.

The Hon. William Forsyth became a Perpetual Member, by the payment of the usual £10. The Hon. Alexander Brymer made a donation to the Society of £10, he being a perpetual member since 1783, and received the thanks of the members.

At the November meeting, the following were elected office-bearers for 1802:

James Forman,	<i>President;</i>	
James Fraser,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
William Annand,	}	<i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Captain Sutherland,		
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
Daniel Fraser,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
John Taylor,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Wm. Annand,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Alex. Morrison,		
Robert Lyon,		
James Romans,		
Rev. Archibald Gray,	<i>Chaplain;</i>	
John Taylor,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

The 30th was duly celebrated by the Society dining together at the British Coffee House; this year about 150 sat down. The Band of the 24th Foot was stationed in the Orchestra. The following toasts were given from the chair.

TOASTS.

1. The Pious Memory of St. Andrew.
Gillie Callum and Caledonian Hunt.
2. The King.
God Save the King and Braes of Auanihstertire.
3. The Queen.
Oscar and Malvina and Birks of Abergeldie.
4. The Prince and Princess of Wales.
Glamorganshire March and Duncan Davison.
5. Duke of York and British Army.
Duke of York's March and Lady Baird's Reel.

6. Duke of Clarence.
The Watery Gods, Dainty Davie.
7. Duke of Kent, may the good wishes he has testified
for the prosperity of this Province be gratefully
remembered.
*Duke of Kent's March, Yellow haired Laddie
and Lady Harriot Hope's Reel.*
8. The British Constitution, may it baffle all the at-
tempts of its Enemies to subvert it.
Liberty Hall, Duchess of Gordon.
9. The Governor and Province of Nova Scotia, may its
prosperity increase and its loyalty be perpetual.
Jove in his Chair and Savage Dance.
10. His Majesty's Ministers, may the wisdom of their
Councils confound his Enemies.
London March and Col. McBean.
- * Lord St. Vincent and the British Navy.
Hearts of Oak and Miss Hunter.
11. The Admiral and Squadron.
Rule Britannia and Fife Hunt and Sandy o'er the Sea.
12. The General and Garrison.
Grenadiers March and Lord McDonald's Reel.
13. The British Triangle, may each side of it prove alike.
*St. George's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Callum
Shiarghlas and Carlioni.*
14. May the French when half seas over stumble upon
British Oaks.
Malbrook.
15. The impression of the British arms on Bonaparte.
Britons strike home and Birks of Invermay.
16. The memory of Lord Howe.
Thursday in the morning and Braes of Tillymit.
17. Lord Nelson and the memorable 1st of August.
*When at war on the ocean and I'll gae nae more to
yon Town.*
19. Lord Duncan and his tartan mode of fighting the
Dutch on the 11th of October.
The Topsails shiver and Caledonia hearts delight.

19. The memory of the brave Sir Ralph Abercrombie and the heroes who bled and fell with him on the plains of Egypt.

The Garb of Old Gaul and Marquis of Huntly.

20. All the British Heroes who have fallen or bled in their Country's Cause.

Deil tak the wars and Cameronian Rant.

21. The Hero of Acre, who defied the Corsican Tyrant, even at the head of his invincible Army.

He comes, he comes, the Hero comes, and British Grenadiers.

22. A' the bonny lassies that are among the heather.

Maggie Lawder and o'er the Muir among the heather.

23. Roast Beef, Plum Pudding, Haggis, Fish and Potatoes to our united Kingdoms, and Frogs and Soup Meagre to the Democrats of France.

A. Medley.

24. The Commerce of ye British Empire, long may it flourish.

The Spinning Wheel and Plough Boy.

25. The Fair Daughters of Acadia.

Say Maney, wilt thou gang we' me?

26. The Land of Cakes.

Braes of Ballenden and Corn Riggs are bonny.

27. The Kirk of Scotland.

The Dutchess wherever she goes and Lady Lucy Cary.

28. The Beggar's Benison.

Kiss my Lady.

29. Rob Gib's Contract.

John Anderson my Ioe.

30. All absent members.

The last time I came o'er the Main.

31. The Sons of St. Andrew all over ye world.

O'er the hills and far awa' and "wae's my heart that we should sunder."

The ordinary subscription to dinners, by vouchers of this date of the Society, appears to have been about £1 5s. sterling.

Biographical Note—1801.

James Forman was for many years a member of the firm of Forman, Grassie & Co., large importers. Mr. Forman was a most popular member for over half a century.

1802.

Under the care of such popular office-bearers, the Society progressed in its good work. A large amount was expended in charity. Amongst the number relieved, we find the name of Rev. Matthew Dripps, who received £20 from the funds.

John Liddell and James Grant were admitted ordinary members; and

Vice Admiral Sir A. Mitchell, K.B.,
Rear Admiral Douglass,
Sir Robert Laurie,
Captain Oughton, R.N.,
Alexander Green,

were elected as Honorary Members.

The meetings were well attended, and the festival on the 30th was celebrated at the British Tavern, with great *eclat*, at a cost of about £250. At the November meeting, the following were elected to office for 1803:

James Fraser, *President*;
William Lyon, *Vice-President*;
James Thom, {
Robert Lyon, { *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
James Fergus, *Secretary*;
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
James Grant, *Asst. Secretary*;
Committee of Charity—re-elected;
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*.

Biographical Note—1802.

Mr. Dripps was Presbyterian minister at Shelburne. He came soon after the settlement, and was a great favorite with the people there. He resided at Halifax for a short time, and was assistant minister at St. Matthew's.

1803.

The meetings of the Society were held, for the first time, at the Jerusalem Coffee House, a well-patronized and well-kept place of resort. But one ordinary member was admitted:

William Bowie.

By a statement from the Treasurer, it appears that the following is the correct amount of funds invested:—

Thomas Donaldson's bond for.....	£360	0	0
Alexander Clunas do.	70	0	0
Robert Lyon do.	50	0	0
Hands of Treasurer for interest.....	70	0	0
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This sum, with the large amount yearly distributed by the Charity Committee, shows the Society's finances to have been in a prosperous condition.

The following were elected office-bearers at the November meeting, which was largely attended:

William Lyon, *President*;
 James Thom, *Vice-President*;
 James Fergus, {
 John Liddell, { *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
 Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
 James Grant, *Secretary*;
 William Bowie, *Asst. Secretary*;



HON. JAMES FRASER

William Hogg,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
James Romans,		
William Annand,		
Robert Lyon,		
A. Morrison,		
Rev. Arch. Gray, <i>Chaplain.</i>		

A large Committee was appointed to superintend the festival, and the public guests, including the Lieut.-Governor Sir John Wentworth, Admiral Mitchell, General Bowyer, etc., were invited at the expense of the Society. The speeches were good, particularly the one given by Attorney-General Richard John Uniacke.

Biographical Note—1803.

Hon. James Fraser, a cadet of the family of Fraser of Lovet, was one of our most distinguished members. He was born at Farraline, Inverness-shire, Scotland, in 1759, educated at Aberdeen, and came out to Nova Scotia in 1780, and conducted for many years a most successful business in Halifax, on the present site of Commercial Wharf. Extending his operations, he entered into partnership with James Thom, a wealthy Scottish merchant of this city, well known for his sterling worth and standing in commercial circles. Together they conducted an extensive lumbering business at Mirimachi, and a great fishing establishment at Arichat, employing a large body of men. They amassed great wealth, and were noted for their liberal dealings with their employees.

Mr. Fraser joined the Society in 1788, was a most enthusiastic member, and was elected President for 1803. He greatly enlivened the Quarterly and Annual meetings with his eloquence, was a popular public man, and in 1818 was called to the Executive Council—the old Council of Twelve—under the auspices of Lord Dalhousie, then Lieut.-Governor. His family—sons and grandsons—have continued their connection with our Society,

and have been all most valued members. Mr. Fraser died in 1819, aged 60 years, and was buried in old St. Paul's Churchyard. His portrait is a copy from Field.

1804.

This year, under the direction of one of the most popular Presidents who has ever held the office, Mr. Wm. Lyon, a gentleman highly educated, and in every way fitted for the position, the Society flourished. Many families landing in the Colony were relieved, and several were enabled to return to Scotland. Mr. Archibald McColl was admitted an ordinary member, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Selkirk, having heard of the great amount of good performed by the Institution, and having seen the rules of the Society, sent the liberal donation of twenty pounds sterling, with the request that his name might be added to the list of perpetual members. The following acknowledgment was sent by the President to the Earl:

“HALIFAX, NOV. 20th, 1804.

MY LORD,—

I have had the honor to receive from your Lordship, by the hands of James Stewart. Esq., the liberal donation you were pleased to make this day to the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, who will be proud to consider your Lordship as an Honorary Member of this Caritable Institution.

Permit me, in the name of the Society, to return your Lordship their warm thanks for the testimony of your beneficence, and to express their fervent wishes that you may have a safe and speedy return to your native country.

I have the honor to remain,

My Lord,

Your very respectful and

Obliged humble servant,

WILLIAM LYON,

President.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SELKIRK.”



RIGHT HON. EARL OF SELKIRK

The Earl, while in Halifax, was the guest of Sir John Wentworth, and made himself popular with the Scottish community. He was head and projector of a colonization scheme for settling Prince Edward Island, and also was largely interested in the Hudson Bay Company.

A large amount was this year expended in charity.

At the November meeting, which was held at the Jerusalem Coffee House, a large number attended, and as usual, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed, but before this was done, it was moved that the sense of the meeting be taken as to whether it would be prudent to celebrate the Festival. After discussing the subject, it was decided by a large majority, to allow the anniversary to pass this year unnoticed. The festival of the previous year, and indeed those of late years, had been expensive undertakings, and the great portion of the deficit which always occurred, fell heavily on the officers elect. This led to the question being raised at this meeting, and on the decision depended the acceptance of office, by the parties whom the members intended to elect. This matter being settled, the following office-bearers were appointed:

James Thom,	<i>President;</i>	
James Fergus,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
John Liddell,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
Peter Robb,		
James Grant,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Wm. Bowie,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
William Annand,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Robert Lyon,		
Peter Robb,		
A. Morrison,		
A. Mitchell,		
Rev. Arch. Gray,	<i>Chaplain.</i>	

The decision of the Society to allow the festival to pass unnoticed caused the first omission of the kind since the formation of the Society.

1805.

This year the Society met at the British Coffee House, and appears, by the records, to have had sufficient to attend to in following out its charitable end, every quarter a large number of applicants being relieved. Petition after petition was presented, giving us an idea of the destitution prevailing at the time. £26 were voted to four applicants, at the February meeting, and the poor situation of the widow of a deceased member having come to the notice of the Society, a Committee was appointed to look after her affairs, to donate £10 at once, and to lend her £50 from the Society's funds for five years without interest. This is but one specimen of the way in which our Institution performed its duty.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected:

Mr. James Ewing, *President*;
Wm. Annand, *Vice-President*;
Peter Robb, }
Wm. Duffus, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
James Fraser, *Secretary*;
Committee of Charity—re-elected;
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain* (re-elected).

The ordinary members admitted were:

David Ferrie,
W. G. Forsyth,
John Livingstone.

Three honorary members were elected, viz.:

Robert Ferguson,
Edward Mortimer,
William Bannerman.

The festival was duly celebrated at the British Coffee House on the 30th, and was attended by 140 members and guests.

Biographical Notes—1805.

Mr. James Ewing was a native of Galashiels, Scotland. He was a most enthusiastic member, a splendid speaker and a kind-hearted man, with a big fortune. He conducted a cordage and iron business on Bedford Row for many years.

James Thom occupied the Chair of the Society in 1805, 1812 and 1813, was a great favorite with the members, a most eminent Scot. Born at Edinburgh in 1751, and educated there, he at an early age came from Leith to Halifax, and in possession of considerable funds furnished by his family, entered into business on Water Street, below Ordnance Wharf. He was from the start fortunate, and as usual at that day, went into the purchase of vessels captured by the Fleet on the Station, and brought into Halifax, and condemned and sold by the Court of Admiralty. It was a lucrative line of business, and like others of the Scottish merchants of Halifax, he made money. Subsequently he became a partner in the business of Hon. James Fraser, and the new firm was known to the world as Fraser, Thom & Co. Their place of business was on Upper Water Street, near Jacob Street. Both Mr. Fraser and Mr. Thom were active and good working members of our Society. Socially they were eminent in the community, members of Council, etc., and each enjoyed the unbounded confidence of the people. Mr. Thom, after an active life, closed out his business and returned to Scotland, where he died in 1827.

1806.

But little of interest is recorded this year, and the attendance at the four quarterly meetings was not quite up to the usual record. The British Coffee House was patronized this year by the Society for its meetings.

James Donaldson (2nd) was admitted an ordinary member. About seventy pounds was expended by the Committee of Charity, and it is noticed that many of the parties relieved were either widows or orphans of deceased members. At the November meeting the office-bearers elected were the following:

Charles Geddes,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Duffus,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Alex. Morrison,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
Wm. Forsyth,		
Robt. Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
James Forman,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Geo. Donaldson,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Robt. Lyon, Alex. Morrison,	} <i>Committee</i>	
Wm. Duffus, Geo. Donaldson,		<i>of</i>
Alex. Mitchell,		<i>Charity;</i>
Rev. Archd. Gray,		<i>Chaplain;</i>
Thomas Ross,	<i>Messenger;</i>	

Owing to the objections already cited in 1804, the Society had no public dinner or demonstration on the 30th. These entertainments were at first designed to be of a quiet character, and to be simply social reunions of the Society, but gradually many outside the pale of the Association were invited, till at length the guests frequently outnumbered the members. This practice gave great dissatisfaction to many who could not afford the expense of such an entertainment as was sometimes provided when the Governor, Judges and a large list of Military Officials were among the invited guests. In



CHARLES GEDDES

later years many worthy and talented members declined serving as office-bearers, for no other reason than that their circumstances did not admit of a display equal to that of their brother members. The position of President of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was at this time socially a most distinguished one, and involving as it did the entertainment of the foremost men of the day, demanded wealth, polish, and acquaintance socially with the world, not only the credit of the President individually was concerned, but the proper and traditional hospitality of the Society was involved, so that really the number who could accept the office was limited to but few. There is no doubt, however, that the practice had the effect of making the Institution popular, and of giving it a prominent position.

Biographical Note—1806.

Charles Geddes conducted a successful dry-goods business on Granville Street for many years at the corner of Duke Street. He was long connected with the Society, a leading member of St. Matthew's Church, prominent in Militia matters, and a most patriotic Scotsman. His estate was estimated to be worth £100,000 sterling.

1807.

The Records show a little more activity in the working of the Society this year, than in the preceding one. The meetings were well attended and took place at the British Coffee House. Several ordinary members were admitted who were in after years conspicuous for their zeal in the Society's welfare. Their names are:

John Ritchie,
John Simpson,

John Black, Jr.,
John Telford,
Alex. Smith.

And George Grant, an old and respected member, became a Perpetual Member on paying the sum of Ten Pounds. Several immigrants from Scotland landed late in the autumn and were looked after by the Committee of Charity. At the Annual Meeting, which was well attended, the following Office Bearers were chosen:

Wm. Duffus, *President*;
 Peter Robb, *Vice-President*;
 James Grant, }
 Wm. Bowie, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
 Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
 Alex. Smith, *Secretary*;
 John Telford, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Alexander Morrison, }
 Alexander Mitchell, } *Committee*
 Robert Lyon, } *of*
 George Donaldson, } *Charity*;
 Thomas Donaldson,
 Chaplain—re-elected.

Statement of Funds, at the Annual Meeting:

Robert Lyon's Bond.....	£ 200	0	0
Thomas Donaldson's do.....	360	0	0
On hand for investment.....	40	0	0
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The Festival was celebrated on the 30th most enthusiastically, by the Society dining together at the British Coffee House. 180 present. The toasts numbered over sixty. The music by the Band of the 1st Royals was noted for its excellence.

Biographical Note—1807.

Wm. Duffus was a most popular member and leader of the Scottish community. He was a fine, clear speaker, and made a good President. He made a fair fortune in business and several fortunate ventures in privateering, one alone netting him £12,000 sterling.

1808.

This year the Society relieved many strangers and residents who were in want, the Charity Committee looked well after the distressed, and were enabled by the grants made at each meeting to uphold the name the Society had made for its liberality. Five ordinary members were admitted, viz.:

Alexander Fiddes,	John Henry,
Thomas Mudie,	Wm. Bremner,
Daniel Sutherland,	

Geo. Robinson, Esq. (Digby), was elected Honorary member. At the August meeting the Society made a grant of Fifty Pounds to the Presbyterian Congregation, Mathers Church, or St. Matthew's, to enable them to purchase a Parsonage House, this object being considered worthy of the Society's attention.

At the Annual Meeting it was decided, by a large majority, to celebrate the Festival by dining together, and that the office-bearers might not be put to much expense it was decided to have no public guests. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1809:

John Black,	<i>President;</i>	
John Liddell,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
James Ewing,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
James Thom,		
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
John Telford,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Alexander Fiddes,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Alexander Morrison,		
Robert Lyon,	} <i>Committee</i>	
Alexander Mitchell,		<i>of</i>
George Donaldson,		<i>Charity;</i>
Thomas Donaldson,		
Rev. Archd. Gray,	<i>Chaplain.</i>	

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th, at Masonic Hall, with great satisfaction to the Society; 105 members present.

Biographical Notes—1808.

Alexander Fiddes was the senior member of the firm of Fiddes, Mav & Robinson, large West India importers, who did business where G. P. Mitchell & Sons are at present. Mr. Fiddes was a well-educated man, a whole-souled, patriotic Scot. He was a leader in all good works in Halifax for over forty years.

Mr. John Black, senior member of the firm of Black, Forsythe & Co., was one of the best representative Scotch merchants of our city. He was a member of Council, and for many years a leading man in every walk of life. He built the granite house on Hollis Street, near Government House, in later years occupied by Bishop Binney. The granite he imported in his ships from Aberdeen.

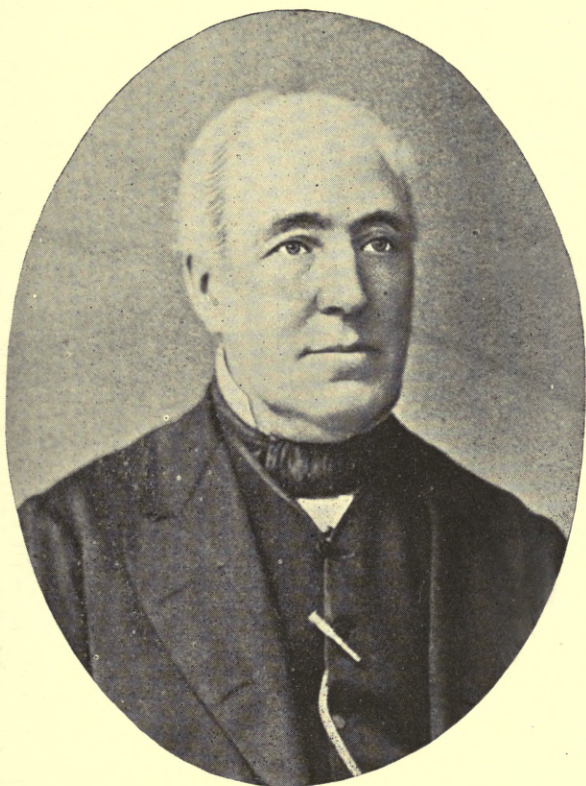
1809.

The meetings were held at the Jerusalem Tavern, and great apparent interest is shown by the Records to have been taken by the members in the working of the Society. One hundred pounds was expended in Charity, and amongst the items we notice a vote of £12 10s. to a poor immigrant for the purchase of a horse. The following ordinary members signed the Roll of the Society:

John Barron,
John Buchan,

George Mitchell,
William Strachan, Jr.

The steady increase of members from year to year, numbering amongst them the most influential men of the Province, bears evidence to the fact of the preponderance of the Scottish element in the Colony at this



HON. JOHN BLACK

date. At the November meeting, the following office-bearers were elected:

John Liddell, *President*;
 James Irving, *Vice-President*;
 James Thom, }
 John Henry, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
 Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
 John Telford, D. Sutherland, *Secretaries*;
 Committee of Charity—re-elected;
 Chaplain—re-elected.

The arrangements for the Festival were left with the office-bearers, which was duly celebrated on the 30th, at the Jerusalem Tavern, over 200 dining together, at which His Excellency Sir Geo. Prevost and suite, General Houghton and suite, and the Heads of Departments were the invited guests, at the expense of the Society.

Biographical Notes—1809.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell, grandfather of our esteemed member, Geo. Mitchell, M.P.P., was for over fifty years a member of our Society, and Treasurer from 1818 to 1825.

William Strachan occupied a leading position in our city as a West India merchant. He came from Aberdeenshire in 1796, and for thirty years was a valued member of our Society. His descendants are still numbered with the Institution.

John Liddell was Chief Police Magistrate for many years. He was appointed by Sir Jas. Kempt, and discharged his onerous duties to the great satisfaction of the citizens of Halifax, who presented him with a magnificent Silver Service on his retirement from office.

1810.

The Quarterly Meetings were held at the Masonic Hall. They were meagrely attended, but the Committee of Charity looked well after such poor as were entitled to their consideration. Ten ordinary members were admitted, several of whom for a long period served the Society well, viz:

Richard Kidston, Jr.,	James Bain,
William Kidston, Jr.,	Michl. McNaughton,
John Clark,	David Muirhead,
Samuel Thomson,	John Henderson,
Richard Scott,	James Scott,
John Tulles.	

At the November meeting the office-bearers for 1811 were elected as follows:

James Ewing,	<i>President;</i>
James Thom,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
John Henry,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
William Bowie,	
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
James Telford,	
William Bremner,	<i>Secretaries;</i>
Rev. Arch. Gray,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
Committee of Charity—re-elected.	

No arrangements having been made for the Festival, it was passed by this year unnoticed.

 1811.

At the Exchange Coffee House the meetings were held this year, but no new members were acquired. The Committee of Charity were, as usual, actively employed, as there were several families of immigrants in want.

The great good of such a national charitable organization as our Society was proved at this time, as the ordinary charity of the city was quite inadequate for the wants of the many immigrants who were landing on our shores, several in want of assistance. Numbers who had been unfortunate, or who getting old, and in poor circumstances, wished to return to their native country to end their days with their friends, were forwarded to Scotland by the Society. At the November meeting, which was well attended, the following gentlemen were chosen to govern the Society for 1812:

James Thom, *President*;

John Henry, *Vice-President*;

William Bowie, }
Richard Kidston, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;

Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;

William Bremner, *Secretary*;

George Mitchell, *Asst. Secretary*;

Alexander Morrison,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
William Duffus,	
Thomas Donaldson,	
John Black,	
Alexander Mitchell,	

Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain*.

Arrangements for celebrating the 30th November were left with the officers elect. The day was duly honored by the Society dining together at the Masonic Hall. Lieut.-Governor, Lieut.-General Sir John Coape Sherbrooke and Staff, the Admiral, Bishop Inglis, Rev. Robt. Stanser, Rector of St. Paul's, and other notables being present on the occasion. The Band of the 8th Regiment occupied the Orchestra.

1812.

The meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, and were largely attended.

The following ordinary members were admitted:

James Russell,
George N. Russell,
John Farquharson,
James Gordon.

The Charity Committee expended a large sum, as there were many applications for relief. We notice also that the Society loaned a poor member £12, to be repaid when possible, without interest.

£40 was funded this year, in addition to the large amount already at interest.

The following were elected office-bearers at the November meeting:

James Thom, *President*;
John Henry, *Vice-President*;
Richard Kidston } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
Wm. Bowie, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*;
Wm. Bremner, *Secretary*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Asst. Secretary*;
Committee of Charity—re-elected;
Chaplain—re-elected.

The Society dined together on the 30th at the Exchange Coffee House. About 180 present, which included every Scottish merchant in the community.

1813.

The Society this year held four interesting meetings at The Exchange. Great harmony is apparent, as nearly all questions submitted were passed unanimously. The following were admitted members:

William Murray,	Alexander Grant,
Patrick Ross,	Arch. McDonald,
James Hogg,	David Dundas,
Henry Ford,	Daniel Grant,
William Daling,	James Grant.

The sum of £49 5s. was voted to Mr. James Ewing, an old and popular member of the Society, who had lost his large wharf property by fire.

Nearly £100 was expended by the Committee of Charity. At the August meeting, Mr. John Moffatt was elected an honorary member. And the following gentlemen were, at the annual meeting, chosen office-bearers for 1814:

James Forman,	<i>President;</i>
Richard Kidston,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
James Bain,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Alex. Fiddes,	
Robert Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
George Mitchell,	<i>Secretary;</i>
John Buchan,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
F. Mudie,	} <i>Committee</i>
James Smith,	
Alex. Mitchell,	
Robert Lyon,	
Jas. Donaldson,	
Rev. Arch. Gray,	<i>Chaplain.</i>

The Festival was duly honored by the Society dining together at the Masonic Hall, about one hundred and fifty members being present. Among the guests were

Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, his Flag Captain, Sir John Beresford, with Lord Townshend, Post Captain in command of the celebrated *Eolus*, once Nelson's fast dispatche ship.. The Admiral gave a stirring speech, complimenting the Scottish merchants upon their sagacity and the rapid fortunes they were realizing from the prizes brought into Halifax by the Fleet and continued in the Admiralty Court, and referred to a sale on March 19th, 1813, when 12 full-rigged ships, 8 brigs and 19 schooners, with their cargoes, were sold to the highest bidders.

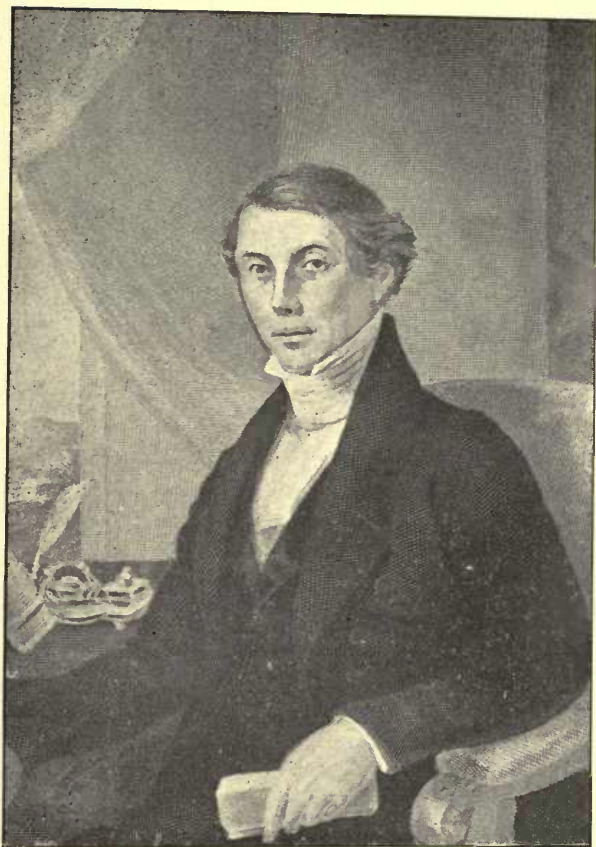
Biographical Notes—1813.

William Murray was a native of Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, a great favorite in Halifax, a generous, whole-souled man. His family and connections have been long in the Society ; several of them in following generation filled the Chair with great satisfaction to the members. Mr. Murray conducted a large business for a number of years at North Sydney.

Arch. Macdonald was a native of Dornoch, Scotland, who came to Halifax in 1802, and conducted an extensive crockeryware establishment on Bedford Row, near Sackville Street. He was a most enthusiastic Highlander, and was the first to start with others a Curling Club. The first Dartmouth Lake was their rink.

James Forman was for many years a member of the great importing firm of Forman, Grassie & Co., wholesale wine merchants, and the largest wine importers in British America.

Rev. Archibald Gray, D.D., Chaplain of the Society from 1796 to 1822, and Minister of St. Matthew's Church from 1795 to 1826, was an M.A. of King's College, Aberdeen, and came to Halifax to succeed Dr. Andrew Brown



REV. ARCHIBALD GRAY, D. D.

in the Pastorate of St. Matthew's in 1795, and soon attained a high position as a preacher and scholar in the town and Province. So popular was he with all sects and classes in Nova Scotia that King's College, Windsor, made him a D.D., an unprecedented honor for King's to confer on a dissenter. Dr. Gray was a man of refinement and social culture, a pleasing speaker, and had a magnetic temperament, which was inspiring, and contributed greatly to his popularity. He was ever a strong advocate for Free Public Schools, and early in 1807 was the principal speaker at a public meeting held at Masonic Hall to consider the question and the state of education in our town. The Doctor joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in 1796, and was at once elected Chaplain, and for a long period was the very life of the Quarterly and Annual Meetings. His patriotic addresses, his rare Scottish humor and geniality made him a strong personality among the many talented men then numbered with the Society. He lived for many years in a large house on Granville Street, opposite Province Building, site of Acadian Hotel, and was for several years before his death confined to his house with paralysis. The kindest feeling and cordial co-operation of the Episcopalians was manifested by the fact that Rev. John Inglis (afterward Bishop of Nova Scotia), Rev. Isaac Temple and Rev. Dr. Twining, preached in St. Matthew's for nearly two years, or until the arrival of the Rev. Robt. Knox, who was sent out from Scotland as an assistant minister for St. Matthew's. In 1826 Dr. Gray died, and was buried in old St. Paul's Churchyard. His portrait inserted in this volume is copied from a painting by Robt. Field.

1814.

Under such a popular President as Mr. James Forman, the Society, as might be expected, kept well up to the mark in usefulness and vigor. A large number were

admitted as ordinary members, as the following list will testify:

Duncan McColl,	James Leishman,
John McPherson,	Thomas Gentles,
John Scobie,	John Roy,
Adam Ross,	Stewart Wallace,
Duncan McFarlane,	John Fraser,
Andrew Mills,	Alex. May,
John Munro.	

Jas. McNab (Hon.), for many years Father of the Society.

Among the gentlemen named above will be noticed several who were noted for their attention during long lives, to the business and carrying out of the objects of our Institution.

Samuel Muirhead was elected a Perpetual Member. Over £80 was expended in charity. A Committee was appointed to look over the by-laws, but reported at the November meeting that no additions or alterations were necessary, and recommended that the Society authorize the printing of 300 copies, which was approved of and ordered to be carried into effect. This year the President was empowered to procure a Silver Seal for the use of the Society. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:

Richard Kidston, Jr.,	<i>President;</i>
James Bain,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Alexander Fiddes,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Henry Ford,	
Robt. Lyon,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Jas. Smith,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Arch. Macdonald,	
Alex. Mitchell,	
Robt. Lyon,	
Adam Ross,	
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D.,	<i>Chaplain.</i>
Geo. Mitchell,	} <i>Secretaries;</i>
John Buchan,	
Alex. Ross,	<i>Messenger.</i>

The Society celebrated St. Andrew's by the usual dinner at the Masonic Hall. 200 present. Lieut.-Governor Sherbrooke and Staff, Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren and Staff of 14 Post Captains, at the time at Halifax, being among the invited guests.

The responses were many and enthusiastic. The band of the 64th Regiment furnished the music.

The toast list was as follows:

TOASTS.

1. The Pious memory of St. Andrew.
The Garb of Old Gaul and Tullochgorum.
2. Our good and venerable King—Let us always revere his character and exemplary virtues, and patiently submitting to the will of Providence, to his last days, pray for the restoration of his health.
3. His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of the United Kingdom—May he follow the example of his royal father, and maintain with equal firmness and impartiality the privileges of the Crown, and the rights of the people.
Prince Regent's March, No. 29.
4. The Queen and a' her royal bairns.
The Duke of York's March and British Grenadiers.
6. The Duke of Clarence, and the Royal Navy.
Rule Britannia.
7. His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.
Sprig of Shillelah.
8. Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales.
All the world loves me.
9. His Majesty's ministers. May they prosecute the war in America with the same firmness and success that they did in Europe, and make a peace honorable to the nation and beneficial to the colonies.

Song in Ninna.

10. Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington. Long may he live to enjoy his well earned laurels, and the deserved admiration of all the world.

See the Conquering Hero Comes.

11. Alexander, Emperor of all the Russias. May the favorable impression made on him by John Bull cement a lasting friendship between the Bull and the Bear.

Russian March.

12. The Emperor of Austria.

German Waltz.

13. The King of Prussia.

March in the Battle of Prague.

14. Louis the XVIII. May he recollect with gratitude the nation which afforded him protection during the unparalleled troubles of his country, and was the chief cause of restoring him to the throne of France.

White Cockade.

15. The Congress of Vienna. May the united wisdom of this great assembly lay a solid foundation for the future peace and security of all Europe, leaving Great Britain alone to humble the pride and insolence of America.

Cock a Doodle Doo!

16. Our good and brave Governor, Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, and the land we live in. May he long continue to govern this Province, and when called from it, have an early opportunity of teaching the Americans the same lesson he taught the French at Talavera.

God Save the King and British Grenadiers.

17. May Britain maintain the empire of the seas on the fair principle of self-defence, remembering our motto "Nemo me Impune lacesit."

Up and aw' them a' wella'.

18. Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane and the Navy
under his command. May they soon find an opportunity to convince America that Britannia still rules mistress of the ocean.
Hearts of Oak.
19. Admiral Griffiths. Who has on all occasions manifested a ready attention to the interests of this province and the protection of its commerce.
Admiral Benbow.
20. The Governor-General. May we always respect those in authority over us.
Canadian Boat Song.
21. Lady Sherbrooke and all the fair daughters of Acadia.
Lady Sherbrooke, and "All the World Loves Me."
22. The British Commissioners at Ghent. May they never be instructed to make peace with America till she gives up the right of search, is excluded from the British fisheries, consents to revision of the boundary line, and includes our Indian allies in the general pacification.
23. The Sons of St. George and Old England.
Roast Beef of Old England.
24. Major-General Darroch and the Garrison of Halifax.
Highland March.
25. The Sons of St. Patrick and Ireland.
St. Patrick's Day.
26. May James Madison and all his faction be soon compelled to resign the reins of government in America and seek a peace establishment with their friend Buonaparte at Elba.
The Rogues' March and Go to the Devil and shake yourself.
27. The Sons of St. David and Wales.
Apshenkin.
28. The memory of the Right Hon. William Pitt. May his principles always animate the councils of the United Kingdom.
Dirge.

29. General Count Platoff and his brave Cossacks.

The Cossack.

30. The two Houses of Parliament. May they maintain their privileges sacred and inviolable to the latest posterity for the protection of the people.

Andante 20.

1. The gallant veteran Blucher.

A March, No. 62.

32. The glorious memory of the departed hero Lord Nelson.

Dirge.

33. The brave Captain Barclay. Who so gallantly maintained the reputation of the British Navy in the unequal contest with the American squadron on Lake Huron.

34. The memory of our brave countryman Sir John Moore.

Dirge.

35. All the brave officers who fought in Spain. May they meet with that reward which they so justly merit for their distinguished services.

36. The memory of General Moreau who so nobly volunteered his service against the tyrant of France and gloriously fell fighting for the deliverance of Europe.

37. Sir James Lucas Yeo. May his perseverance and gallant conduct be soon rewarded with an opportunity of trying the bravery of the American squadron on Lake Ontario.

38. The memory of our gallant countryman Sir Ralph Abercrombie.

The Death of Abercrombie.

39. The Legislature of Nova Scotia. May the liberality of its measures promote the welfare and prosperity of the Province.

Brays of Strathnaver.

40. The memory of Prince Kutusoff and all the heroes who have fallen in defence of the liberties of Europe.

Russian Waltz,

41. The Bishop of Nova Scotia and clergy of all denominations. May they unite in their best endeavors to promote the cause of religion, and extend its happy influence over all nations.

42. The Army in Canada. May the bravery and courage which they have already evinced in the defence of the Canadas terminate the war with America to the honor of His Majesty's arms, and the protection of the Colonies.

43. Horn, Corn, Fish and Yarn.

Reel of Tulloch.

44. Our brave countryman, Sir Thomas Graham, who fought under the immortal Wellington.

Bruce's Address.

45. Our countryman, the Right Hon. the Earl of Selkirk, and all our absent members. May health and happiness attend them wherever they are.

46. The land of cakes.

Because it was a bonny land.

47. The memory of the brave General Ross.

Dirge.

48. Robbie Gibbs' contract.

Johnny goe marching home.

49. Gude nicht.

Mariners' Hymn

Biographical Note—1814.

Richard Kidston, Jr., was a grand representative of our country, a splendid orator, a keen business man, and a most enthusiastic and patriotic Scotsman. He was for many years the head and front of all measures for the public good. His memory still lives in the Society by reason of his good life and example; one "whose like we ne'er shall see again."

1815.

The Quarterly and Special meetings were held at the Masonic Hall. The following ordinary members signed the Roll:

Geo. Muirhead,	Chas. Dunbrack,
Robert Field,	James Donaldson,
Andrew Nisbet,	Geo. Innis,
Peter McNab,	William Scott,
David Walker,	James McCormack,
Dunbar D. Stewart,	Robert Bremner,
James Dechman,	Alex. Murdoch.

And the following gentlemen became Perpetual Members:

The President, Richard Kidston, Jr.,
James Ewing,
Richard Kidston, Glasgow,
Wm. Kidston, Esq.

At the February meeting, £32 was voted to applicants for charity. The thanks of the Society was passed to R. Kidston, Esq., for the handsome manner in which he conducted the last Festival. It cost him £100. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Robt. Field, a great portrait painter of the day, for painting and presenting to the Society a transparency of St. Andrew. At this meeting the Society voted £62 19s. 3d. from the funds to defray the cost of curtains for the Masonic Hall, the Society in consideration thereof to have the use of the Hall for the meetings for six ensuing years, by agreement with John Albrow, Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic body for the Province.

The President presented the Society with two handsome Ivory Mallets, with the following inscription:

“PRESENTED BY RICHARD KIDSTON, JR.,

TO THE
NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,
30TH NOVEMBER, 1814.”

This year the Society lost two of its officers. The Treasurer, Robert Lyon, who had held the office for a number of years, and Mr. Mudie, Asst. Secretary. Jas. Thom was elected Treasurer, and Alex. May, Asst. Secretary, for the remainder of the year. At the May meeting, £33 was voted to applicants. On Thursday, August 31st, a Special Meeting was called by the President to take into consideration the propriety of voting a sum of money for the relief of the families of the slain, in the late glorious victory of

WATERLOO.

A large meeting answered the summons and

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS

was unanimously voted toward that object, which amount was ordered to be paid by the President into the hands of H. H. Cogswell, Esq., Treasurer of the fund. At the August Quarterly meeting, over £50 was voted to the Committee of Charity for distribution. The Society also voted a new set of Scarves for the officers of the Institution. At the November meeting, the following office-bearers were appointed for 1816:

Richard Kidston, Jr., re-elected *President*;

William Bowie, *Vice-President*;

Wm. Kidston, }
Duncan McColl, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;

James Thom, *Treasurer*;

James Hogg, }
Dunbar D. Stewart, } *Secretaries*;

Alex. Ross, *Messenger*;

James Thom, }
David Muirhead, }
Alexander Fiddles, } *Committee of Charity*;
John Farquharson, }

Wm. Forsyth, }
John Munro, } *Com. for collecting back dues*.
Jas. Hogg, }
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain*.

£20 was voted to applicants at the November meeting. The Society celebrated the festival by the annual dinner at Masonic Hall, 240 present, Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Bishop Inglis, the Chief Justice, Admiral Warren, the brilliant staffs of General and Admiral, with every merchant of note in the city, forming a most magnificent company. The enthusiasm over Waterloo contributed greatly to the *eclat* of the dinner. The cost was large, but the President's large contribution, £120, and wines, with £50 from the Vice-President, made it a tremendous success for the Society. The Regimental Bands of the 60th and 18th Regiments played alternately through the evening.

1816.

was certainly not behind any of its predecessors in interest. The meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, as per agreement. At the February meeting, a matter without precedent in the Society's history occurred. One of the members (William Anderson) having dissented from the almost unanimous vote of donating £100 to the Waterloo fund, wrote an insulting letter to the President, calling into question the legality of the vote and reflecting on the President's position in the matter. Mr. Anderson was called upon by the Society to apologise, but he refusing to do so, was, by the unanimous vote of the large meeting of members present, expelled. At this meeting thirty pounds was voted to charitable objects. At the May meeting, four gentlemen were proposed whose names deserve particular notice, three of whom passed through the Presidential chair of the Society,

John Young (afterwards Hon.), proposed by Mr. Farquarson

Alex. Stewart

Archibald Sinclair,

Alex. Primrose,

John Liddell,

Mr. Farquharson,

Mr. McColl.

At this meeting £83 was voted to the Charity Committee for distribution. At the November meeting a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen was appointed to convey to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie a copy of the rules of the Society:

Hon. John Black,	Richard Kidston, Jr.,
Michael Wallace,	James Fraser,
James Stewart,	James Forman,
John Brown,	Matthew Richardson,

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

William Bowie, <i>President</i> ;	
Alexander Fiddes, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Duncan McColl, {	<i>Asst. Vice-Presidents</i> ;
George Mitchell, }	
James Thom, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
George Mitchell, {	<i>Secretaries</i> ;
James Russell, }	
Rev. Arch. Gray, <i>Chaplain</i> ;	
Thomas Ross, <i>Messenger</i> ;	
James Thom,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity.</i>
David Muirhead,	
Alex. Phillips,	
William Forsyth,	
John Brown,	

The President elect, William Bowie, was a most popular member, and presided over the Society with genial dignity.

A large committee was appointed to arrange for the Festival. Wm. Bowie proposed Peter Donaldson and Robt. M. Brown as ordinary members, to be balloted for in February ensuing. The ordinary members admitted during the year were:

Alex. Stewart,	Archibald Sinclair,
Dr. Wm. Petrie,	Alex. Primrose,
John Young,	Duncan McQueen,
Matthew Forrester.	

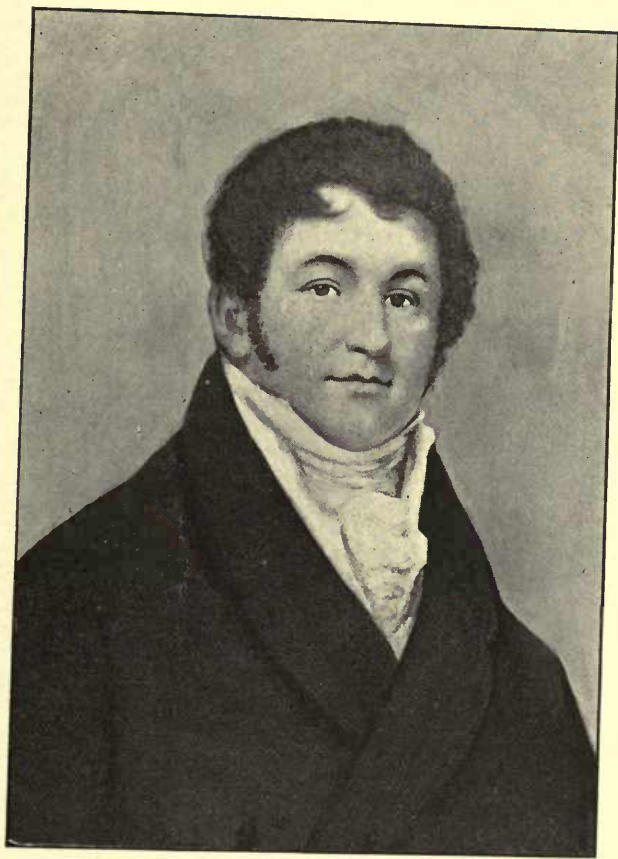
The annual dinner was a most brilliant affair. The Earl of Dalhousie, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Presidents of the Sister Societies, Heads of Departments, General and Suite, and other distinguished guests being present.

Biographical Notes—1816.

John Young (Agricola) was father of Chief Justice Sir Wm. Young.

Matthew Forrester was a leading dry goods merchant on Barrington Street, south of Prince Street.

William Bowie, President, was a native of Inverness, Scotland, a nephew of the Wm. Bowie who joined the Society in 1777. By inducement of his uncle he came to Halifax in 1803, and at once joined the Society. He was then in his 20th year, a well-educated Scotsman, with great business ability. By the influence of Alex. Brymer he founded the great firm of Bowie & DeBlois, and in a few years amassed a fortune. These were the days of the Admiralty Court, and British men-of-war and privateers were continually capturing the ships of the enemy and bringing them in to Halifax for condemnation and sale. Vessels and cargoes were sold to the highest bidder after perhaps a slight inspection, and it was not unusual at this date to clear £5,000 on a single capture. Mr. Bowie soon became a leading man in the community. He was an earnest and enthusiastic young Scotsman, and prominent in social as well as mercantile circles. His career came to a tragic close in 1819. During a trial in the Supreme Court in July of a shipping case, the opposing lawyer, Richard J. Uniacke, Jr., made some insulting remarks, rather reflecting on Mr. Bowie's position in the case, which resulted in a correspondence and eventually in a challenge; and on the following morning, July twenty-first, Uniacke and Bowie,



WILLIAM BOWIE.



with their seconds, met at the Governor's Farm near the Narrows, in a grove just above the present Round House, I.C.R. The duel took place between the hours of 4 and 5. After exchanging the second shot, Mr. Bowie fell mortally wounded, and in a few hours breathed his last at a farm-house in the vicinity, where he was carried immediately after the affair was over. His death was greatly felt by the community, and general regret and expressions for his sad taking off at the early age of 36 years, were universal.

Uniacke and his second, McSweeney, were arrested, and the Grand Jury being in session, found bills of indictment of murder against them; and DeBlois, Bowie's second, was charged with misdemeanor, as parties and accessories to the duel which terminated in the death of Bowie.

At the trial, it was proved that, after the firing of the first shot, both of the principals, Uniacke and Bowie, having fired and remaining uninjured, were willing to terminate the affair; but McSweeney, a fire-eating Irishman from the West Indies, insisted upon a second shot, which DeBlois, Bowie's second, unwillingly assented to. In the second shot, the affair terminated with the death of Bowie. The trial was a screaming farce; all complimented and sympathized with each other. Uniacke was a *lamb*, McSweeney was a *dove*. They were each represented to the Jury by Judge and lawyers as broken hearted for evermore. But the fact was proven that McSweeney had loaded the pistols, dictated the short space of twelve paces, and that after the first fire he had loudly insisted upon a second shot; but the Code was fashionable, and as a foregone conclusion the trial resulted in an acquittal of both Uniacke and McSweeney. The last-named should certainly have been hanged, or at least had imprisonment for life, in recompence for his murderous insistence upon the shot, which sacrificed so valuable a life as the lamented Bowie.

Bowie was killed in 1819; McSweeney died at Dominica in 1825; Uniacke died in 1824; DeBlois died in 1827. So that in the short space of eight years all parties connected with the duel had made their exit.

1817.

The Society held its meetings at the Masonic Hall. At the February meeting, the Committee of gentlemen appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, reported that they had done so, and Richard Kidston, Jr., read the following communication addressed to him as the President of the preceding year:

HALIFAX, 9th January, 1817.

SIR,—

I have requested my aid-de-camp, Major Cooper, to call upon you to know whether I may not be admitted an Honorary or Perpetual Member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, in offering a small donation to their charitable fund. I beg further to request, you would do myself and Lady Dalhousie the favor to acquaint us with any particular case of distress among our countrymen or women that may require further aid.

I am Sir, with much respect,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

DALHOUSIE.

RICHARD KIDSTON, JR., ESQ.,

President N. B. Society.

The above flattering note was accompanied by the liberal donation of twenty pounds to the funds. To which Mr. Kidston sent the following reply:

HALIFAX, 9th January, 1817.

MY LORD,—

I have this moment had the honour to receive your Lordship's letter, and beg to acknowledge your liberal donation to the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, who will be proud to consider your Lordship as a Perpetual Member of this charitable institution.

Permit me in the name of the Society, to return your Lordship their warmest thanks for this testimony of your beneficence, and to express their fervent wishes that your Lordship and amiable Countess may long enjoy every happiness that this world can afford. The Society will not fail in complying with the request of your Lordship and Lady Dalhousie, in the event of any particular case of distress occurring to our countrymen or women, that may require any further aid than is provided for by the Rules of the Institution.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lord,

Your very respectful and

Obliged humble servant,

(Signed)

RICHARD KIDSTON, JR.,

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

HALIFAX.

The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

Robert M. Brown,	Peter Donaldson,
Alexander Malcom,	Thomas Muirhead,
Alexander Sim,	George Hamilton,
Hector McDonald, 1st,	James Johnston,
Hector McDonald, 2nd,	Colin Wilson,
George Craigen,	Alexander Boyd,

And the following as Honorary Members,

Lieut. James Duffus, R.N.

Andrew Moffat (Antigua).

William Leslie, New York.

The following Perpetual members were added this year:

Lieut.-General the Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie,

Matthew Richardson,

John Dempster,

Robert Lyon, Esq.

At the November meeting the Treasurer laid before the Society the Annual Statement, showing the funds to amount to four hundred pounds, which sum was held by Lieut. James Duffus, secured by mortgage and bond,

dated 8th December, 1815, a large surplus, considering the large amounts disbursed for various objects during the past five years. The quarterly reports show that over one hundred pounds was distributed by the Charitable Committee during the year. The following office-bearers were elected for 1818, viz.:

Alexander Fiddes,	<i>President;</i>	
Duncan McColl,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
John Dempster,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
George Mitchell,		
George Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
James Russell,	} <i>Secretaries,</i>	
Hector McDonald,		
Peter Robb,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Alex. Philip,		
James Smith,		
Geo. Hamilton,		
Patrick Ross,		
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D.,	<i>Chaplain.</i>	

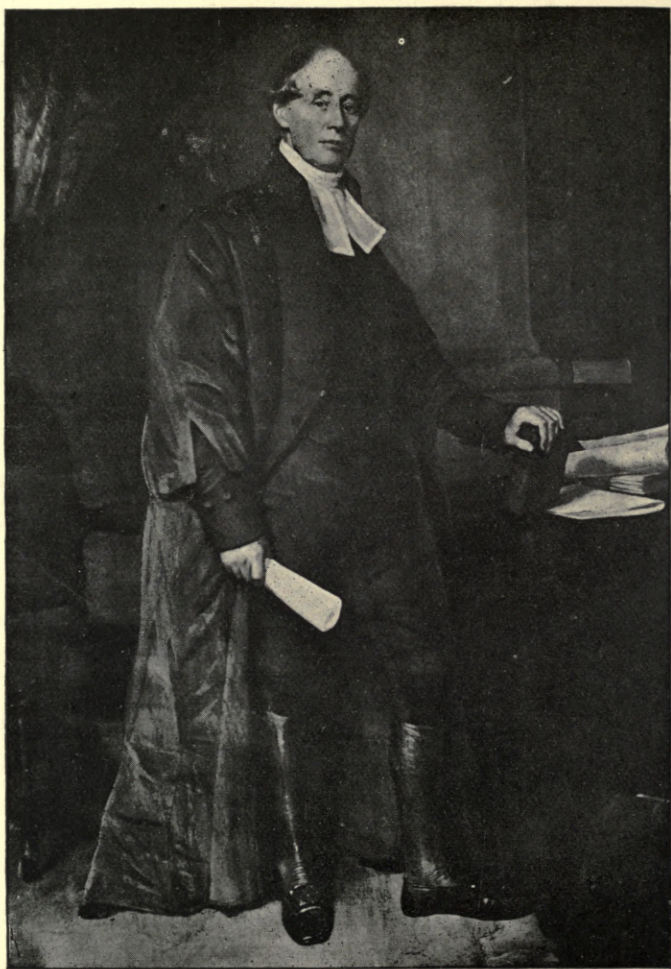
On the 30th November, a most magnificent Festival was held at the Masonic Hall, about one hundred and fifty members and guests being present, including Earl Dalhousie and staff. Hon. James Fraser presided on this occasion, as Alexander Fiddes, Esq., the President elect, vacated for the time the Chair in his favor.

Biographical Notes—1817.

George Ramsay, 9th Earl of Dalhousie, was born October 22nd, 1790, was educated at the University of Edinburgh, was a school companion of Sir Walter Scott. Entered the Army in 1788; in command of 2nd Foot at Martinique under the Duke of Kent, and there severely wounded. Served in Ireland during the Rebellion, 1798. Fought under Maitland at Belleisle, was in Egypt under Abercrombie in 1801, and in command at Gibraltar, 1803. Was appointed Major-General in 1805. In the Peninsular War he greatly distinguished himself and received



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SIR BRENTON HALLIBURTON

the "thanks of Parliament" for his great services throughout that tremendous campaign. In 1813 he was made Lieut.-General and K.G. Cross of the Bath. In 1815 he was created a Peer of the United Kingdom as Baron Dalhousie, of Dalhousie Castle, Scotland. In August, 1816, he was appointed Lieut.-Governor and Commander of the Forces in Nova Scotia, and in 1819 he succeeded the Duke of Richmond as Governor-in-Chief of the Forces in North America. His career in Nova Scotia was a magnificent success. He took unbounded interest in education, and laid the broad foundation of learning in our Province. He took an active interest in our Society, was a Perpetual Member, and attended many of the meetings. He married an heiress with a great fortune, a Miss Brown, of Coalston. He died March 21st, 1838, aged 68 years.

Sir Brenton Halliburton was the eldest son of Hon. John Halliburton, who was for many years a leading member of our Society, and twice filled the Chair of the Institution. Sir Brenton was born at Newport, Rhode Island, and came with his father to Halifax with the Loyalists in 1783, when the British evacuated New York. Sir Brenton entered the Army and rose to a Captaincy of the 8th Regiment, the Duke of Kent's Corps; but after the departure of the Duke from Halifax in 1800, he resigned his position and began the study of Law, and was admitted a Barrister. He had a fair practice, and at an early age, through strong patronage, was elevated to the Bench, and eventually was advanced to the position of Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. He was an eminent man, of strong character and benevolent nature, and was greatly esteemed by our Society.

1818.

The Quarterly meetings were held at the Masonic Hall. The Charity Committee appear to have been well employed, as several Scotchmen were forwarded to Scotland, and a long list of names received relief each quarter.

At the May meeting a communication was received from his Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, enclosing a letter from the Highland Society of Scotland requesting aid in publishing a dictionary of the Celtic Language. This was at once attended to, and a Committee consisting of

James Forman,
Edward Mortimer,
Duncan McColl,
Arch. McDonald,

was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and over one hundred pounds was raised in Halifax, and transmitted to Edinburgh. At the November meeting, among others proposed for membership, we notice that of a gentleman who proved a most indefatigable member and a very popular man with the Society, and his Townsmen, James Forman, Jr., proposed by the Hon. James Fraser. The following ordinary members were this year admitted:

Hon. B. Halliburton
Hon. S. G. W. Archibald,
Robt. F. Bigby,
Joseph Mundell,

The Rev. Donald A. Fraser was elected an Honorary Member, and

John Williamson, Esq., John Brown, Esq.,
Alex. Fraser, Esq. (Miramichi),

became Perpetual Members. Over ninety pounds was disbursed this year in charity, and the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1818:

Hon. Judge Brenton Halliburton, *President*;

George Mitchell, *Vice-President*;

John Dempster, }
Geo. N. Russell, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;

Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

James Russell, *Secretary*;

Hector McDonald, *Asst. Secretary*;

Peter Robb,

Alex. Phillips,

Patrick Ross,

George Hamilton,

George Craigen,

Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain*;

James McNab, } *Collectors of*

Matthew Forrester, } *Back Dues.*

Stewards.

of

Charity;

A large committee was appointed to arrange for the Festival, which was duly celebrated at the Masonic Hall. About two hundred were present; the Earl of Dalhousie, the Heads of Departments, and a large number of the Military, including Lord Schonberg Kerr, Sir John Louis, Major-General Arnold, Col. Beresford, Collector Jeffrey, with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Sister Societies, were the invited guests.

The Earl of Dalhousie replied most eloquently for himself and public guests. The Band of the 15th Regiment occupied the Orchestra.

We notice this year that a copy of the rules of which a new edition had been printed by Howe & Co., was sent to each member. The meetings this year were well attended; average attendance about sixty at each Quarterly meeting.

1819.

We notice that a special meeting was called to take into consideration the claim of a Mr. John Scobie, of Arichat, on the Society's charity, he having lost his house and barn by fire. The sum of £15 was granted for his relief. A large amount was distributed by the Committee of Charity during the year.

The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

Charles Gray,	Robert Duncan,
James Forman, Jr.,	Adam Esson,
John Boyd,	James Ross,
Donald McLennan,	James Forester,
James Fraser, Jr.,	

and the Hon. John Black became a Perpetual Member of the Society.

At the November meeting, among other orders, we notice that for a box to be prepared to hold the transparency of St. Andrew, presented to the Society by Field, and noticed in a previous year.

This year Messrs. Samuel Cunard and Wm. Duffus became securities for Lieut. James Duffus, R.N., who holds part of the Society's funds in his bond for £400, dated December 8th, 1815.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1820:

James Forman,	<i>President;</i>
John Dempster,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Chas. S. Gray,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
G. N. Russell,	
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
H. McDonald,	<i>Secretary;</i>
James Forman, Jr.,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
Committee of Charity—re-elected.	
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D.,	<i>Chaplain.</i>

The Festival was duly celebrated on the 30th by the usual dinner, which was well attended, the members turning out in great numbers on the occasion; 217 present. The Band and Pipers of the 71st Regt. provided the music.

1820.

The Quarterly meetings were well attended, and took place at Masonic Hall; about £70 was distributed by the Committee of Charity. A considerable amount of back dues was collected by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

The following gentlemen were admitted during the years as ordinary members:

John McKenzie,	John McLean,
Duncan Black,	William Wallace,
Allan McDonald,	Thomas Laidlaw,
Thomas C. Allan,	David Johnson,
David Henderson,	Alex. A. Ferguson,
Samuel Mitchell.	

And the following as Honorary Members:

Archibald McNiven,
Rev. Colin P. Grant.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were appointed for 1821:

The Father of the Society,	} <i>President;</i>
Hon. Michael Wallace,	
Geo. N. Russell,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
S. G. W. Archibald,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
Alexander May,	
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
James Forman, Jr.,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Duncan Black,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>

Peter Robb,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Alex. Philips,		
Patrick Ross,		
Geo. Hamilton,		
Geo. Craigen,		
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., <i>Chaplain.</i>		

The 30th was celebrated by a grand dinner at the Masonic Hall, and was as usual the event of the season; 200 present. Among the guests, Sir James Kempt and Staff. The Bands of the 26th and 71st Regiments were in the Orchestra.

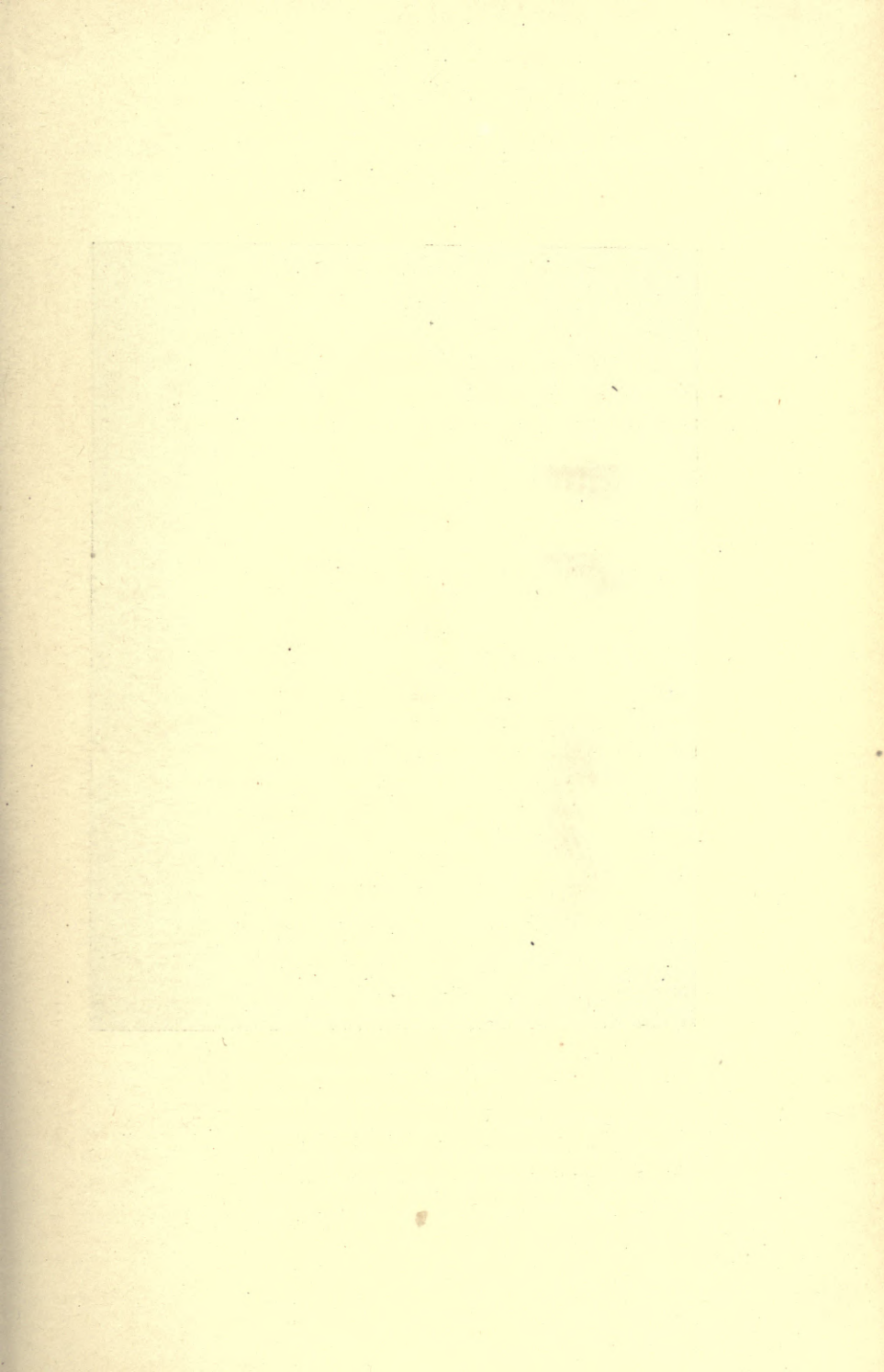
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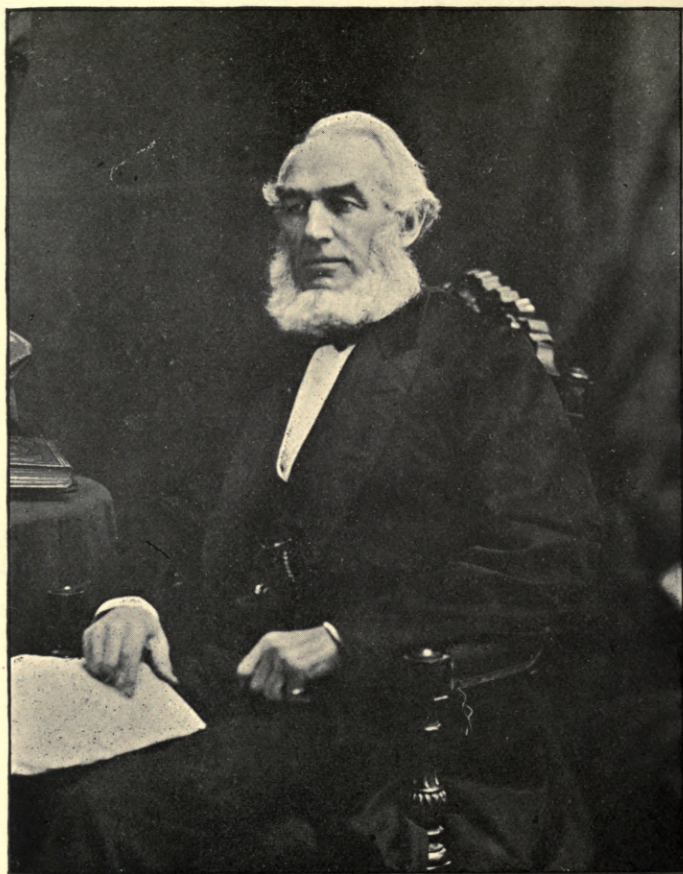
The meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, the six-year agreement having expired for holding them at the Masonic Hall, and the Exchange being preferred by the members. About £60 was voted for charitable purposes by the Society during the year.

And the following ordinary members were acquired:

John Forman,	Hunter St. Andrews,
John Fraser,	Jas. Cruickshanks,
W. B. Robertson.	

It is to be noticed that among those relieved by the Society, were to be found widows of former members, whose names are recorded as regular pensioners. These cases had been under discussion for several years. It was decided that, although strictly speaking the charity of the Society was for transient distress, yet those widows' claims could not be disregarded, and so they were kept on from year to year. At the November meet-





GEORGE N. RUSSELL

ing, the Society made choice of the following gentlemen for office-bearers:

Geo. N. Russell, *President*;
 S. G. W. Archibald, *Vice-President*;
 Alexander May, }
 Jas. Forman, Jr., } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;
 Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
 Duncan Black, *Secretary*;
 David Johnson, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Committee of Charity—re-elected;
 Chaplain—re-elected;
 Thomas Ross, *Messenger*.

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th at Masonic Hall, and is noticed as "a most successful and harmonious reunion." Two hundred members and guests present.

Biographical Note—1821.

Geo. N. Russell, son of Rev. Thomas Russell, a former minister of St. Matthew's, was a wholesale hardware merchant, and subsequently a mercantile agent and broker, corner of Hollis and Prince Streets, now occupied by the Union Bank. He was a well-educated and intellectual man, a splendid Chairman at public meetings of the citizens.

1822.

Four capital meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House. The thanks of the Society was voted to David Henderson, a member who composed the song Caledonia, which was sung at the anniversary meeting of November 30th, by Mr. Dempster. It was also unanimously agreed that the author be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy of this admired produc-

tion, to be filed with the papers of the Society. The following well-known and deservedly popular gentlemen were proposed at the February meeting, viz.:

Robt. Noble, proposed by Geo. Mitchell.
 Alex. Keith, " " Jas. Cruickshanks.

A vacancy having occurred in the Committee of Charity, in consequence of the death of Peter Robb, William Strachan volunteered and was accepted to fill the same for the remainder of the year. About £80 was distributed by the Committee of Charity. At the November meeting the Treasurer presented the following statement of the funds of the Society:

Lieut. James Duffus, Mortgage and Bond...	£400
Interest	24
Cash on hand for Investment.....	87 8 1
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	£511 8 1

A large amount, considering the great call made every quarter on the funds by the Charity Committee.

The following ordinary members were admitted during the year:

Robt. Noble, Alex. Keith,
 Edward Wallace, Andrew D. Russell,
 Hector McLennan, Andrew Mitchell.

At the November meeting, a large number of the members attended, and after the ordinary business had been despatched, they proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

Hon. S. G. W. Archibald, LL.D., *President*;
 Alex. May, *Vice-President*;
 James Forman, Jr., *Sen. Asst. Vice-President*;
 Duncan Black, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
 Andrew D. Russell, *Secretary*;
 Robt. Noble, *Asst. Secretary*;

Patrick Ross,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
William Strachan,		
George Craigen,		
George Hamilton,		
George Innis,		
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D.,		<i>Chaplain;</i>
Thomas Ross,		<i>Messenger.</i>

The office-bearers were appointed a Committee to arrange for the Anniversary.

The Festival was celebrated by the annual dinner at Masonic Hall, at which a large number of invited guests sat down with the members. S. G. W. Archibald in the chair. The Band of the 74th Regiment occupied the Orchestra. No less than thirty-one toasts given from the Chair were drank, besides volunteer ones from parties present. All passed off harmoniously and with credit to all concerned.

Biographical Note—1822.

S. G. W. Archibald was born January 1st, 1778. Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, Master of the Rolls Nova Scotia, and Speaker of the House of Assembly, N.S., a distinguished lawyer. For several years a prominent member of the Society, and elected President in 1823. He died at Halifax January 28th, 1846, and was buried in Camp Hill Cemetery, where an elaborate monument, with an inscription in Latin and English can be seen.

1823.

The meetings, which were well attended, were held at the Exchange Coffee House. About one hundred pounds was voted to applicants, many of whom were the widowed pensioners before noticed. The names of two

gentlemen proposed at the February meeting this year, deserve notice:

Alex. McLeod, proposed by Alex. May,
John Strachan, “ “ James Smith.

These two were noted in after years for their steady attention to the Society's interests, and for the faithful discharge of duties as Committee-men of the Institution.

The members admitted during this year were:

John Strachan,	Rev. John Martin,
James Dechman,	William Sutherland, Esq.,
Alex. McLeod,	John Lyle.

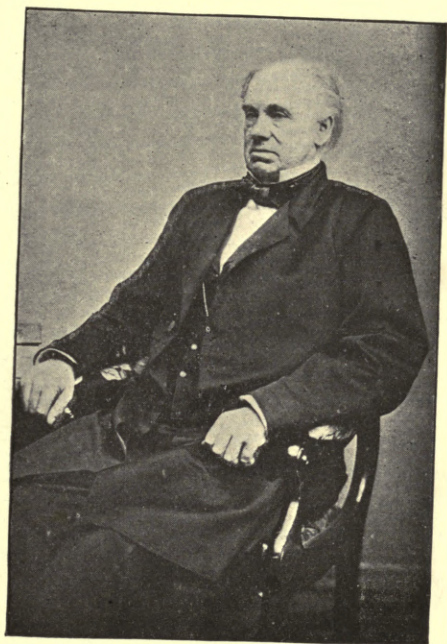
By the annual statement produced by the Treasurer at the November meeting, the funds amount to £531 4s. 1d. The following gentlemen were elected by a large meeting, to preside over the Society for 1824:

Alex. May, *President*;
James Forman, Jr., *Vice-President*;
Duncan Black, *Sen. Asst. Vice-President*;
A. D. Russell, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
Robt. Noble, *Secretary*;
Robert M. Brown, *Asst. Secretary*;
Thomas Ross, *Messenger*;
Committee of Charity—re-elected.

A large Committee was selected to arrange for the National Festival, which was duly celebrated at Masonic Hall on the 30th; about one hundred and forty present.

Biographical Notes—1823.

Alexander McLeod was for fully half a century a leading merchant of Halifax, a self-made man of great integrity and honor; enterprising, attentive to business, warm-hearted, an unwavering friend, and not slow in lending a helping hand to those who had won his confidence. He



ALEXANDER MCLEOD

was every inch a Scotchman. Of commanding height and presence, and possessed of a quiet, unobtrusive magnetism of manner which imparted a charm to the deliberate speech and dignified movement of one of the most courteous men that ever lived in our community. For a long term of years—nearly two generations—he was a remarkable factor in Halifax commercial circles. Mr. McLeod was born at Linlithgow, on the 19th January, 1791, and educated at the parish school of Saint Michael, where he acquired the ordinary training given in the Scottish parish schools of that period. When quite young he enlisted with several relatives and companions in the Royal Artillery, and was at once drafted to Nova Scotia. His first station after arrival at Halifax was at Annapolis Royal,—then in charge of Captain Colin Campbell, in after days known as Sir Colin Campbell, and subsequently Lord Clyde. After a few years at Annapolis, Mr. McLeod came to Halifax and commenced business in a quiet way opposite the present Queen's wharf. He rapidly made friends with all classes in town and country, and his business soon extended until few even of the older merchants in Halifax were as well known in all parts of the Province as Alexander McLeod. His fine personality, undoubted integrity and scrupulous attention to detail, made him to be trusted and respected by all who came in contact with him. Although during a long business career he had fairly good assistance, he remained until his retirement late in life the recognized strength and mainspring of the business he had created. Mr. McLeod was married, but left no children. The comparatively limited estate Mr. McLeod left behind was a great surprise to Halifax. For a quarter of a century previous to his decease, he was rated as one of the wealthiest men in the city. This opinion was amply justified by the volume of business he had so long and successfully transacted. Its profitable character, his extraordinary immunity from losses, and his unostentatious

mode of living—not spending a tithe of his income—all tended to confirm the public idea of his great accumulation. Had his estate shown over a million for distribution it would have caused no surprise; the community was prepared for it. But the unlooked for happened. \$210,000 only was valued for probate, a moderate amount indeed, considering the business capabilities and advantages enjoyed by Mr. McLeod during such a long career. But life is withal a series of chances and surprises. In this particular case public supposition and stern reality was almost a million dollars astray—a fairly large sum even for Halifax, where valuation of supposed wealth is, as a rule, very nearly correct. Among the benefactors of Dalhousie University, his memory will be long remembered. Mr. McLeod joined the Society in 1823, and for over fifty years was a most esteemed member, and was elected a Perpetual Member in 1866. He died January 15th, 1883, aged 92 years.

Mr. May was a member of the great mercantile house of Fiddes, May & Robertson. He was a man foremost in all good works, and ably represented the great Scottish mercantile community of our city.

Wm. Sutherland was a leading lawyer and an enthusiastic member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He was Recorder of the City for many years.

1824.

Under the able Presidency of Mr. May, the Society this year appears to have transacted even more than the general average of business. The meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, were well attended, and over ninety pounds voted to the Committee of Charity



WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

for distribution. The following gentlemen were admitted during the year as ordinary members:

George Little,	Dr. John Sterling,
Charles Alexander,	Robert Robertson,
John Fraser (2nd),	Andrew Crawford,
Alexander Ross,	James Pettigrew,
Charles Coventree,	John McKenzie,
	John McNie.

One Honorary Member was elected, John Forman, Esq., and Winckworth Allan, an old and esteemed member residing in London, became a Perpetual Member, by paying the fee of ten pounds.

This year the Snuff Mulls were stolen from the chest in which they were deposited, and the silver mountings containing the inscriptions torn away. The Mulls were subsequently recovered, and the Society ordered new mountings with similar inscriptions to be procured for them. Several shipwrecked mariners were forwarded to Scotland, and a great amount of good was effected by the active Committee of Charity. At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were chosen to preside over the Society for 1825:

James Forman, Jr.,	<i>President;</i>
Duncan Black,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
A. D. Russell,	<i>Sen. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
Robert Noble,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
Robert M. Brown,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Samuel Mitchell,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
George Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Patrick Ross,	
William Strachan,	} <i>Committee</i>
George Craigen,	
George Hamilton,	
George Monroe,	
Alex. McLeod,	} <i>Committee for Collecting</i>
D. McLennan,	
D. McLennan,	
James Dechman,	
	<i>Back Dues.</i>

of
Charity;

The Festival was a most grand affair. A large number sat down with the President. Mr. May and the company must have enjoyed themselves exceedingly, as the *Nova Scotian* newspaper, in noticing the event, mentions that the company sat down at 7 p.m., and did not separate until "the horses of the Sun were spurring with their glittering harness up the eastern horizon"—quite an editorial flight.

1825.

This year the meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and by the exertions of the office-bearers, much good was effected. At the February meeting two gentlemen were proposed, who in after years were honored for their steadfast attachment to the Society's interests, by being placed in the Chair, viz:

James Thomson, proposed by James Smith, Esq.,
James F. Gray, " " Alex. May, Esq.

About eighty pounds was expended in charity, and during the year the following Honorary Members were elected:

Capt. Houston Stewart, H.M.S. "Menai" (afterward Admiral on the Station);
Capt. Archibald Stewart, Rifle Brigade;
Capt. C. Fitzroy McLean, 81st Regt.;
Duncan McColl, Esq.

During the year the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

John Robb, Jas F. Gray,
David Spence, James Thomson,

A considerable amount of business was transacted, and at the regular August meeting it was passed unanimously that in future when the sum of five pounds is drawn upon the Treasurer, the order must be signed by all the Committee of Charity.

At the November meeting the Society proceeded to elect office-bearers:

John Williamson was elected *President*;

Andrew D. Russell, *Vice-President*;

but Mr. Russell declining the office, and the President being unavoidably absent, the election of office-bearers was postponed and a special meeting was called for that purpose on Thursday, November 10th, the President, James Forman, Jr., in the chair, when the following were chosen:

John Williamson, *President*;

Robert Noble, *Vice-President*;

R. M. Brown, *Sen. Vice-President*;

Jas. F. Gray, *Junr. Vice-President*;

Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

Samuel Mitchell, *Secretary*;

Edward Wallace, *Asst. Secretary*;

William Strachan,

Geo. Craigen,

Geo. Hamilton,

Geo. Innes,

Robt. F. Bigby,

Thos. Ross, *Messenger*;

James Dechman

Alex. McLeod,

D. McLennan,

} *Committee of Charity*;

} *Committee for Collecting
Back Dues.*

At this meeting the President, James Forman, Jr., proposed the following gentlemen:

George R. Young,

Thos. Forman,

William Young,

Charles D. Archibald.

A most enthusiastic celebration was held on the 30th; the dinner was largely attended, the guests including Lieut.-Governor Sir Jas. Kempt, Admiral Willoughby Lake and other notables. Over 30 toasts were given from the Chair. The company separated highly pleased with the entertainment.

Biographical Notes—1825.

James Thomson was elected President in 1845.

Jas. F. Gray, an eminent lawyer, was a son of Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., minister of St. Matthew's Church. He was a good speaker and greatly charmed the Society at the Quarterly meetings and at dinners of St. Andrew.

John Williamson was a leading West India merchant, an honest, outspoken Scot, a splendid singer and a great favorite in the city.

1826.

The Society met at Masonic Hall. About £80 was voted to applicants. Amongst other transactions we notice the unanimous thanks of the Society were "voted to Alex. McLeod and the Committee, for the collecting of back dues and for their assiduous attention to the duties that have resulted so successfully during the past year." The thanks of the Society were also given to Jas. Dechman, Jr., for his exertions in recovering possession of the old Records of the Society, which had been missing since 1814. They had been removed for safety from the residence of Mr. Alex. Fiddes, who lost his house in the great Holliſ Street fire that year, to a vessel ready to sail at Market Wharf, carried to Yarmouth, and placed in a safe in Mr. Moody's store, where they lay unopened until the fortunate discovery of Mr. Dechman. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members during the year:

William Young (afterward Chief Justice),	
George R. Young,	Thomas Forman,
James D. Fraser,	Robt. Romans,
C. D. Archibald,	William Gossip,
James Purvis.	



JAMES F. GRAY

One Honorary Member was elected, Francis Athole, Master Mariner. At the November meeting the following gentlemen were chosen to govern the Society for 1827:

John Young,	<i>President;</i>	
Samuel Mitchell,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
James F. Gray,	<i>Sen. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Edward Wallace,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Wm. Young,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
G. R. Young,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Wm. Strachan,		} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity.</i>
Alex. Keith,		
Allan McDonald,		
Robt. Bigby,		
George Innes,		
Andrew Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
Alex. McLeod,		} <i>Committee for Collecting</i> <i>Back Dues.</i>
D. McLennan,		
Jas. Dechman,		
Thos. Ross,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

It was unanimously agreed to dine together on the 30th, in honor of St. Andrew. On that occasion a large number assembled at the Masonic Hall, to honour the Saint. The Band of the 52nd Regt. attended, and added to the happiness of the evening. The journals of the day notice it favorably, and chronicle it as a successful reunion. Among the guests were the Lieut.-Governor, the Chief Justice, the Bishop and Admiral Lake, and with him a brilliant Staff of Post Captains, among them Capt. Provo Wallis, in command of the Frigate *Nieman* on this station. Capt. Wallis, the hero of the *Shannon* and *Chesapeake* action, a native of Halifax, received a most enthusiastic ovation. He accepted it modestly and only replied when urged by Admiral Lake, to return thanks for the most unparalleled honor offered by his townsmen. The memory of King George, the

health of the present Monarch, with the memories and healths of over twenty representatives, which their Majesties had kindly sent us for the past fifty years, were respectively drank. Over thirty toasts were given from the Chair, and several volunteer toasts from the company made the time go swiftly on to the separation, which took place, as usual, harmoniously. That word "harmoniously" is so often particularly noted,—a merit we do not plume ourselves on now-a-days.

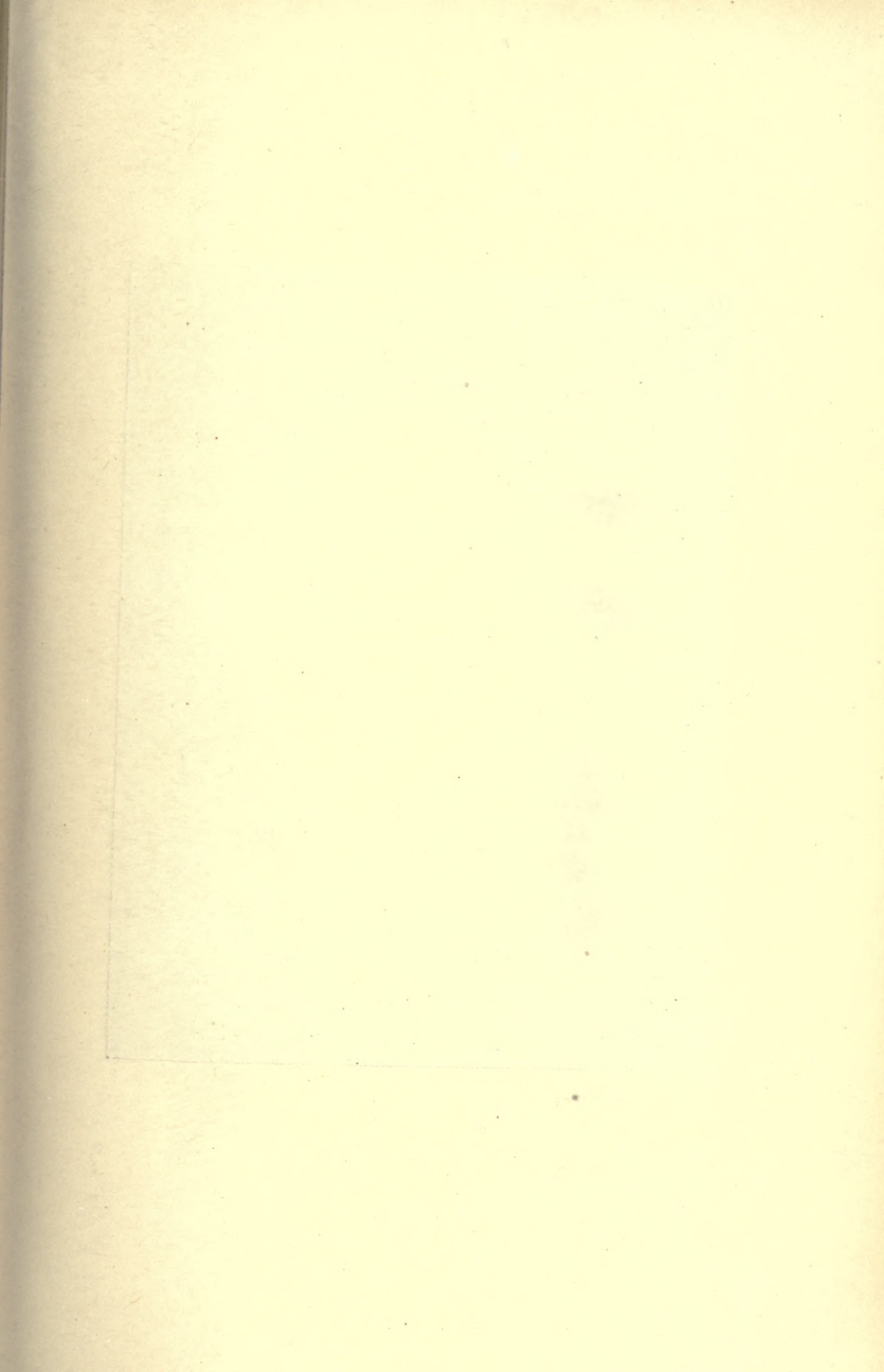
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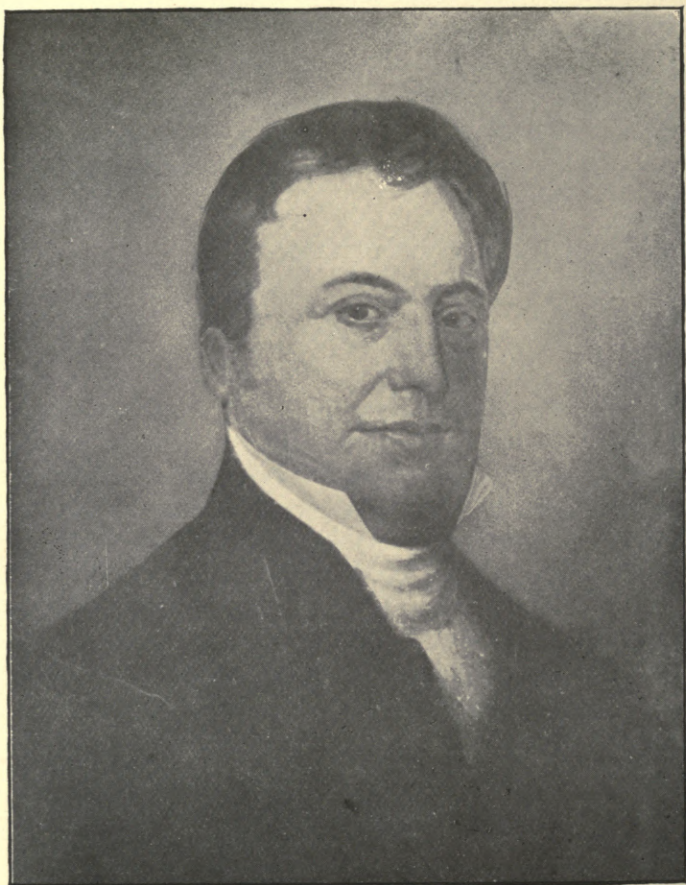
This year the Society had at its head a most able and talented gentleman, who under the *nom de plume* of "Agricola," wrote those remarkable letters on Agriculture which have been the admiration of all who have read them, and which procured for him that position in the Province that his brilliant and varied talents deserved. The Hon. John Young, as President, with his two distinguished sons, Wm. and Geo. R. R., as Secretaries, formed a trio of ability among the office-bearers never since equalled in the history of the Society. During the year

John Richardson,	James Lessell,
Wm. Crawford,	William Mills,
Peter Manson,	John Farquhar,
Alex. Barry,	

were admitted ordinary members. Over £80 was expended by the Charity Committee.

At the November meeting a much-respected gentleman was proposed by John Robb, viz.:—Peter Grant, long after known for his zealous attention as a Committee man.





HON. JOHN YOUNG

The following office-bearers were chosen for 1828:

Samuel Mitchell, <i>President</i> ;	
Thos. Williamson, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Wm. Young, <i>Sen. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
James Purvis, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
Andrew Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Geo. R. Young, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
John Brown, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Alex. Keith,	} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Jas. Dechman,	
Geo. Innis,	
Robt. M. Brown,	
R. F. Bigby,	
Thos. Ross, <i>Messenger</i> .	

The thanks of the Society were given to Wm. Strachan for his praiseworthy attention to his duties while on the Committee of Charity. The Society celebrated the 30th by dining together at the Masonic Hall. It was, as usual, a splendid entertainment, and reflected credit on the management.

Biographical Note—1827.

Samuel Mitchell was a son of Alex. Mitchell, one of our early Presidents. Mr. Mitchell was for fifty years a worthy and esteemed member, and a constant attendant at the meetings of the Society.

Hon. John Young was born at Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Scotland, September 1st, 1773, was educated at Glasgow College, where he greatly distinguished himself. He entered business at an early age in Glasgow, and married in 1798. In 1814, hearing of the fortunes that were being accumulated in Nova Scotia on account of the great war then raging, he was induced to try the new field, and with his wife and three sons—William (afterwards Chief

Justice), George R., and Charles,—he arrived in Halifax on April 30th. In 1815, the war closed, and business became dull and unprofitable. Mr. Young and his sons opened up at the foot of Sackville Street, where the Plant Wharf is to-day, and conducted, in face of many difficulties, a good business, gaining the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. In 1825 he contested Halifax with Mr. Charles A. Fairbanks, but was defeated. His friends, who expected to return him to the local Parliament, were disappointed, and presented him with a handsome silver cup in the form of a thistle with golden ears of corn. Mr. Young was returned member in 1825 for Sydney, which he continued to represent for a number of years, and became a leading representative in the House of Assembly. He was a dignified and graceful speaker, and his talents as an agriculturist were apparent by his series of celebrated letters over the *nom de plume* of "Agricola," as well as by his practical illustrations of farming at his estate at Willow Park, Halifax, which he successfully managed for 18 years. This able and eminent man died at Willow Park, October 6th, 1837, in his 65th year. He was a popular member of our Society, a splendid President, and left behind him his celebrated son, William, to perpetuate his name and fame to his brother countrymen in Halifax.

1828.

Rev. John Scott, M. A., for 37 years pastor of St. Matthew's Church. In 1827 Mr. Scott succeeded Rev. Dr. Archibald Gray as minister, and until his death in 1864 was a prominent figure in the religious life of our city. He became a member of the Society in 1828, and in 1847 was elected Joint Chaplain with Rev. John Martin, a position he occupied with great acceptance until his death. Mr. Scott was a man of varied talents



REV. JOHN SCOTT, M. A.

and great ability, and his addresses on public occasions were marked by literary elegance and refined study of his subject. He came but seldom to the meetings, but when he did, his charm of recollections of Scotland, and his love of the old land, made a deep impression upon the members.

The Society's meetings were well attended and were held at the Exchange Coffee House. During the year several gentlemen were added to the roll of members, who for many years after were distinguished for their enthusiasm in the Society's working, viz. : Wm. Grant, for several years Marshal, and a most active member of the Committee of Charity,

William Murdoch,	George Thompson,
Peter Grant,	Adam Reid,
Walter Robb,	Daniel McKay,
Rev. John Scott, for many years joint Chaplain	
with Rev. John Martin.	

About £20 was voted quarterly to applicants for charity, and great interest was displayed in every meeting. At the Annual meeting in November the following were chosen office-bearers for 1829:

Thos. Williamson, <i>President</i> ;	
Wm. Young, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Geo. R. Young, <i>Sen. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
James F. Gray, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
J. W. C. Brown, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
John Strachan, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Andrew Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
James Dechman,	} Committee
Geo. Inness,	
Alex. Keith,	
Robt. F. Bigby,	
Robt. M. Brown,	
James Grant, <i>Messenger</i> .	

of
Charity;

At this meeting the former Messenger, Thomas Ross, attended and handed in the following letter, which the Secretary was directed to insert in the minutes as an evidence of the good feeling of the writer toward the Society (of which he had been Messenger for thirty years, but being too infirm to continue the duties, was at his own request superseded).

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

Gentlemen:—

“Thirty years have elapsed since I came amongst you, and it has pleased God to spare me a living monument of His mercy, until I have now arrived at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Gentlemen, suffer me to return my grateful thanks for your unmerited goodness toward me. You have kindly overlooked all the failings of my age and have not sent me away comfortless. I most sincerely wish you all happiness, and may unity, concord and good order ever prevail in the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY while there is a Scotch bairn in it. I have only one favor to ask of you,—to permit me the comfort of attending your public meetings so long as it pleases God to spare me.

I am, Gentlemen, &c.,

THOMAS ROSS.”

The President assured Mr. Ross that the Society complied most readily with his wishes.

The Festival was celebrated by the usual dinner at the Exchange Coffee House. It was a most brilliant affair, the mirth and jollity being increased by the fine Band of the 96th Regiment, and the soul-stirring notes of the 10 Pipers which enlivened the evening. Admiral Sir Chas Ogle, the Administrator of the Government, the Chief Justice, the Bishop and a brilliant array of officers of the Army and Navy were present.

Biographical Note—1828.

Thos. Williamson was a most genial member and successful merchant, and among the first Mayors of our City.

The Williamsons —John and Thomas, were leading members of the North British for over forty years.

 1829.

The meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House. Several well-known gentlemen were added to the Roll :

Andrew Mackinlay,

John Watt, for over thirty years Treasurer,

John Fraser, James Thomson,

James Nichol,

and Lieut.-Col. Duncan McDougall, Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, was admitted an Honorary Member, whose admission was moved by G. R. Young, Esq., seconded by Alexander Fiddes, Esq. About ninety pounds was distributed in Charity, and at the November meeting, which was a very large one, the election of office-bearers for 1830 resulted as follows :

George N. Russell, *President*;

Robert M. Brown, *Vice-President*;

James F. Gray, *Sen. Asst. Vice-President*;

W. Billop Robertson, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

John W. C. Brown, {
James Lessell, } *Secretaries*;

Committee of Charity—re-elected;

John Watt, } *Committee for Collecting*

John Farquhar, } *Back Dues.*

The Festival was held on the 30th, at the Exchange Coffee House. Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieut.-Governor

and Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, was the honored guest, and his speech, a most brilliant one, was enthusiastically received. Chief Justice Blowers, Hon. Brenton Halliburton, Right Rev. Bishop, Inglis, Sir Richard Grant, R.N., also spoke with good effect. The dinner reflected great credit on Mr. Keefer, caterer. The usual number of toasts from the Chair (over thirty), were given, and as the two gentlemen at the head of the Society, G. N. Russell and R. M. Brown, were universal favorites, the Society well supported them on the occasion, and finally separated at about 3 o'clock in the morning in usual harmony.

1830.

The Records of this year show that the members turned out well to the four quarterly meetings, that over one hundred pounds were voted to the Charity Committee for disbursement, and that the greatest unanimity was displayed in the working of the institution by the members. During the year the following gentlemen were admitted:

James Malcom,	Robert Downs,
Rev. Thomas Aitken,	W. G. Anderson,
Angus Fraser,	Wm. Mills,

and Charles D. Archibald, being about to leave the province, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, also Charles Coventree, Master Mariner, and Chas. Brodie, a Scottish resident of Manchester, Eng. The thanks of the Society were this year given to John Watt and John Farquhar, the Committee of Back Dues, for their exertions and success in collecting a large amount almost considered lost to the Society. At the November meeting the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1831. At this meeting the office-bearers were proposed by ballot, it being specially mentioned that tickets

were passed to each member to propose such candidates as they approved of. The following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Robert M. Brown, *President*;

Alexander Keith, *Vice-President*;

William Billop Robertson, *Sen. Asst. Vice-President*;

George R. Young, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

Archibald Sinclair, *Secretary*;

Angus Fraser, *Asst. Secretary*;

Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

Robert Noble,

Alexander Keith,

G. N. Russell,

James Dechman,

Robert J. Bigby,

James Thomson,

Thomas Laidlaw,

James Grant, *Messenger*.

} *Committee of Charity*;

} *Committee for Collecting*
Back Dues.

The unanimous thanks of the Society were voted to the retiring office-bearers. The Festival was duly celebrated at the Exchange Coffee House, and was well attended by the Scotchmen of the city and their guests, including Lieut.-General Sir Peregrine Maitland and Staff. Sir Peregrine, a Waterloo hero, in reply to the Army and Navy, referred to Waterloo and the gallantry displayed by every British soldier on that immortal field. Sir Peregrine's health was then drank with Highland honors by the company. This was a grand dinner, and, as is recorded of the first meetings of the Institution, mirth, jollity and ancient Scotch songs prevailed during the evening, and our next merry meeting was given from the Chair to a most enthusiastic company, who separated at an early hour with their attachment strengthened to the Society and each other. The Band of the 98th Regiment attended the Festival.

Biographical Note—1830.

Robert M. Brown was one of the most popular Scotchmen in Halifax. He was one of the largest importers of tea in his day on this continent. He accumulated great wealth.

1831.

The meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and were all well attended. The Committee of Charity was actively employed, as over £100 was expended. Among the gentlemen admitted were two, whose exertions are worthy of recollection as Committee-men and as gentlemen who had been always alive to the Society's interests, viz.:

Robt. D. Clarke, proposed by Adam Reid,
William Murray, “ “ John Fraser.

The following additional names were also added to the Roll, viz.:

Alex. Paul,	Alex. Ross,
Alex. Smith,	Robert Bigby,
John Forrest,	Rev. James Morrison.

Lieut.-Col. Marshall, Inspecting Field Officer Militia, Hugh Lyle and Alex. McGill, were elected Honorary Members. It may be here stated that the widow pensioners before referred to, absorbed a great portion of the charity of the Society of the year, the instances of occasional and transient relief being few. At the November



HON. ALEXANDER KEITH

meeting the office-bearers elected to serve for the ensuing year, 1832, were the following:

Alex. Keith, *President*;

William B. Robertson, *Vice-President*,

Robt. Romans, }

Alex. Paul, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*;

Archibald Sinclair, *Secretary*;

John Watt, *Asst. Secretary*;

Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

Thos. Williamson, }

Adam Esson, }

John Farquhar, }

Arch. McDonald, }

Jas. Dechman, Sr., }

Committee

of

Charity.

James Thomson, } *Committee for Collecting*

William Mill, } *Back Dues.*

James Grant, *Messenger.*

The thanks of the Society were voted to Messrs. Jas. Thomson and Thos. Laidlaw, for their exertions in recovering a large amount of back dues during the past year.

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th by the usual dinner and was a most joyous gathering. The Chair was ably filled by the President elect. Mirth, song and sentiment prevailed until an early hour. The Band of the 96th Regiment occupied the Orchestra.

Biographical Note—1831.

Alex. Keith, born at Wick, Caithness-shire, Scotland, in 1795, was for many years the best known brewer in Halifax. For a generation he was head and front of the Masonic fraternity, and at his death was Grand Master. During his long life in this city he filled almost every office in the gift of the people, was President of

the Legislative Council, twice elected Mayor; a keen curler, a man of wealth. His business is still carried on by his family. He was long connected with the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, and died in 1873, aged 78 years.

1832.

Extraordinary interest is visible in the Society's working this year. The records show that every meeting was attended by a great number of members, and that no less than twenty-four gentlemen were admitted. The worthy President, a most popular gentleman, by his influence and enthusiasm, promoted this large increase. Over one hundred pounds were expended in charity, and the transactions of every meeting show that the utmost harmony and unanimity prevailed. Among the members proposed for membership, we notice the names of several gentlemen who have since been favorably known in this Society:

John Gibson,	}	Proposed by Jas. Thomson,
Robert Malcom,		
John Esson,	"	G. N. Russell,
Charles W. Wallace,	"	John Farquhar,

The above with the following were admitted during the year:

Thomas Cummings,	Jas. Anderson,
James Reid,	George Barton,
Alexander Duff,	James Murdoch,
Robert Wilson,	Hugh Campbell,
Alexander McNab,	John McNab,
David S. Sutherland,	John A. Mann,
Hugh Anderson,	James McIntosh,
Alexander Davidson,	W. F. Black,
William McKav,	Alexander Henry,
Neil McVicar,	Joseph Robinson,

and the following were elected Honorary Members:

James McDonald,
Lieut. Edward Stewart, R.N.,

Lieut. James Stewart, 74th Regt., grandson of Anthony Stewart, one of our first Presidents.

Dr. Colin Allan, Medical Staff,
Jas. Flockhart, Master Mariner,
William Stevenson,
Alex. Henderson.

The Asiatic Cholera having visited several cities on the Continent, and its ravages being anticipated in Halifax during the summer, led to the following motion being made at the May meeting, when G. R. Young moved: "That in the event of the Asiatic Cholera extending its ravages to Halifax, the office-bearers shall forthwith summon an extraordinary meeting of this Society, for the purpose of adopting measures as may then be considered expedient in meeting the exigencies of the time."

At the November meeting, which was very largely attended, the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen office-bearers for 1833, viz.:

W. B. Robertson,	<i>President;</i>
Robert Romans,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Archibald Sinclair,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
Alex. Paul,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
Andrew Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
John Watt,	<i>Secretary;</i>
David S. Sutherland,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
Thomas Williamson,	
James Dechman,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John Farquhar,	
John McLean,	
Adam Esson,	
James Malcom,	} <i>Collectors of Back Dues.</i>
Argus Fraser,	
James Grant,	
	<i>Messenger.</i>

The annual dinner came off on the 30th November, at the Masonic Hall. Sir Perigrine Maitland, with ten Staff Officers who had all fought at Waterloo, graced the occasion. A large number of the leading men of the Province were also present. The Band of the Rifle Brigade was in attendance, and added to the pleasure of the evening. Along with the very fine selection of toasts given during the night, we notice one to the memory of four active, energetic and influential members, who had well represented their country in this Province, and who had been ever distinguished for their attachment to the Society, viz.:—Hon. Michael Wallace, Hon. Judge Stewart, Hon. John Black, Hon. Jas. Fraser, who had all lately passed from earth. This Festival was like all its predecessors, a complete success.

Biographical Notes—1832.

John Gibson, a native of Dunfermline, Scotland, born in 1806, was a well-known merchant of this City. He was long connected with our Society, and at his death, which took place at Halifax in 1890, was a benefactor and Perpetual Member.

William B. Robertson was born at Dundee in 1768. He was a West India merchant of eminence, and member of the firm of Fiddes, May & Robertson, whose business premises were on the site of Mitchell's Wharf. He amassed a fortune in business, and returned to Scotland. He died in 1842 at Edinburgh.

1833.

The meetings were held at Mason Hall, and much interesting business was transacted. Twenty-two members were added to the Roll, among whom we notice the name



JOHN GIBSON

of John Mackintosh, a most enthusiastic and warm-hearted Clansman, well known to every Scotchman of his time in the city. The above with the following signed the Roll this year:

Alex. Stewart,	subsequently Master of the Rolls.
Alex. McKenzie,	Winnie Johnston,
W. A. McAgy,	James McDonald,
James Lockerby,	Danl. McLean,
Alexander Troup,	William Gerrad,
Alexander Hendry,	John G. McKenzie,
William Robertson,	John McKay,
James Grant,	David Stevens,
Alexander Stewart,	William Scott,
William Grieve,	John Brander,
David Calder,	

and the following were elected Honorary Members:

Hugh McDonald (Antigonish), a gentleman well known in this city;

Alexander Farquharson, Dartmouth.

About eighty pounds were disbursed by the Committee of Charity, and Lieut. James Duffus this year surrendered his bond for four hundred pounds to the Society, which was deposited in the Bank, on interest, until an opportunity should occur for re-investing. At the February meeting, a Committee was appointed to revise several of the Rules, who reported at the November meeting, which was attended by nearly seventy members, as follows:

"Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Rules, procure new pamphlets, &c., of the North British Society."

"The Committee appointed by the Society to revise its Code of Rules, and to prepare the same for publication, beg leave to report that they have proceeded with all diligence in the performance of that duty.

“They have thought it advisable to innovate as little as possible upon the ancient and established Rules, as most of them seem to have been thoroughly digested, and found to answer the purpose of the Society, and as they are familiar and have been acted upon for many years, it appeared to them preferable to preserve their very form and arrangement. At the same time they find it necessary to offer a few material regulations for the consideration of the Society, and they feel assured the expediency of them will be so obvious that they will meet the general approbation, and these alterations are as follows :

“The Rule relating to the admission of Honorary Members, as amended, will now read as follows: Honorary Members shall consist of those persons eligible into the Society, who are Passengers and Sojourners rather than resident in Town, or who being ordinary members, may remove from Town, or of those whom on account of their office and vocation the Society shall think proper to exempt, though resident, from the duty of ordinary attendance. In either case they shall contribute to the funds of charity, a sum not less than six dollars. The admission and enrollment of members of the first description shall, as heretofore, be vested in the officers of the Society, namely in the President, Vice-President and assistants. And it is to be understood that if any member of the first or second class shall become permanent residents in Town, they shall pay the same annual contribution as ordinary members, or otherwise shall cease to be members of the Society.

“The rule which to your Committee appeared the most objectionable, in point of legal construction, was part of section fifth, directing the mode in which the surplus funds were to be invested at interest. Those suggested, however, seem to supply the deficiencies in the existing rule and to create those guards which are essential to

protect the interest of the Society, and are as follows: After the words in section fifth 'shall lend out the same on interest.' 'On the credit of the Province or unexceptional personal security by bond, or by investment in Real Estate within the Town of Halifax, by Bond and Mortgage. This security to be taken in the name of the President and Vice-President, for the time being, and the survivor of them as Trustees for the said Society, and in the said instrument of security, it shall be declared that the same is made in trust for the Society, and the President and Vice-President shall be parties to and shall execute the same in the presence of two witnesses, and the said security shall be lodged with the Treasurer for the time being, and the mortgage, if any, to be duly recorded, provided always that the said President and Vice-President, or either of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, shall at all times subsequent (on being required by the Society at a general meeting so to do) execute an assignment or assignments of the said instrument or instruments to their successors in office.'

"In carefully examining the book of record of the Society, the Committee find only two amendments to the Rules which relate altogether to the duties and powers of the Committee of Charity, which will in the new pamphlet be introduced in their proper place. Those amendments empower the Committee of Charity to grant a sum from the funds, not to exceed five pounds, in such extreme cases as the Committee may think necessary, and where five pounds be drawn by order on the Treasurer, the order must be signed by every member of said Committee of Charity, and to prevent frauds and impositions on said Committee of Charity, all orders on the Treasurer shall be signed by at least three of said Committee.

"In preparing the list of names of the members of the Society, they have left out the names of such persons

who, although proposed and admitted, have never enrolled themselves as members, and have rejected also the members expelled, who, to the honor of the Society, are but few in number.

“ Your Committee have also to report that they have agreed with Mr. John Munro, one of our members, to print and furnish complete 300 copies of the Rules of the Society, with the names of its members to the date hereof, for the sum of five pounds, as soon as the amendments have passed the meeting, and the present report be received and adopted.”

(Signed)

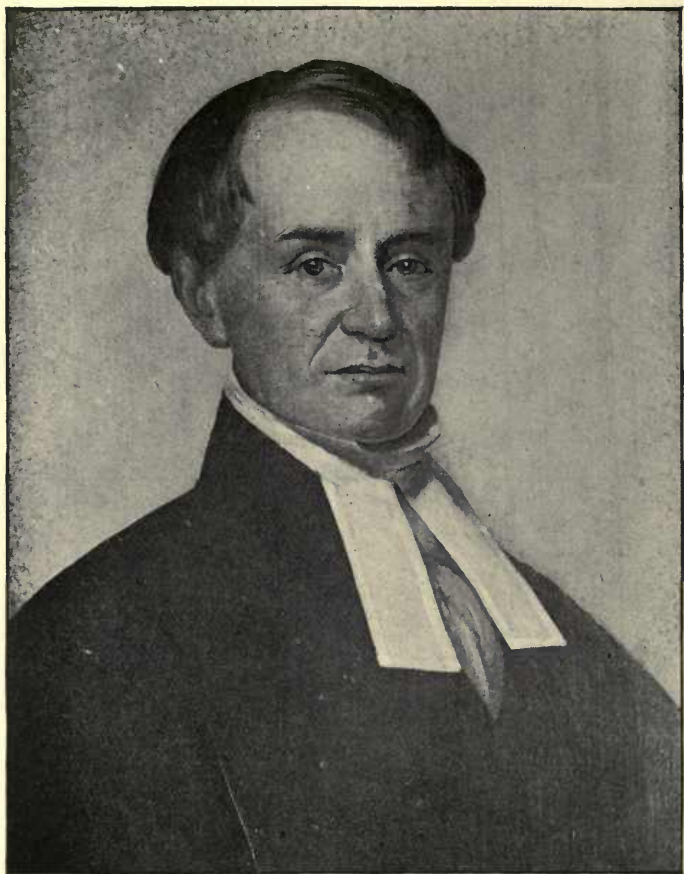
Wm. Young,
Robt. Noble,
Arch. Sinclair,
Robt. M. Brown,
John Williamson.

On motion of Rev. John Martin, it was unanimously resolved that the report be adopted, and that the amendments be incorporated in the Rules of the Society.

The Society at this meeting, on motion of Robt. Noble, Esq., requested the President to address a letter of condolence to the family of our late lamented Treasurer, Andrew Mitchell, Esq., expressive of the high respect and esteem entertained for him by his brother members, and of their gratitude for his faithful and zealous discharge of the duties of his office, which the Society considered but a duty of respect, and a just tribute to his memory.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1834:

Robert Romans, *President*;
Archibald Sinclair, *Vice-President*;
Hugh Campbell, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Angus Fraser, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Alex. Fiddes, *Treasurer*;
John Watt, *Secretary*;
Alex. Hendry, *Asst. Secretary*;
James Grant, *Messenger*;



HON. ALEXANDER STEWART

Robt. Noble,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John McLean,		
Adam Esson,		
John Fraser,		
Jas. Dechman,		
Peter Grant,	}	<i>Back Dues.</i>
R. F. Bigby,		
Wm. McKay,		

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th at the Exchange Coffee House. Great harmony and kindly feeling prevailed, and among the many healths drank we notice that of Jas. Forman, the Father of the Society. The fine Band of the 92nd Regiment enlivened the evening, and that, with thirty toasts from the Chair, and several volunteer ones from the company, made the night short, and all parted pleased with the honor given to the national saint, which on this occasion was equal to that of any former re-union.

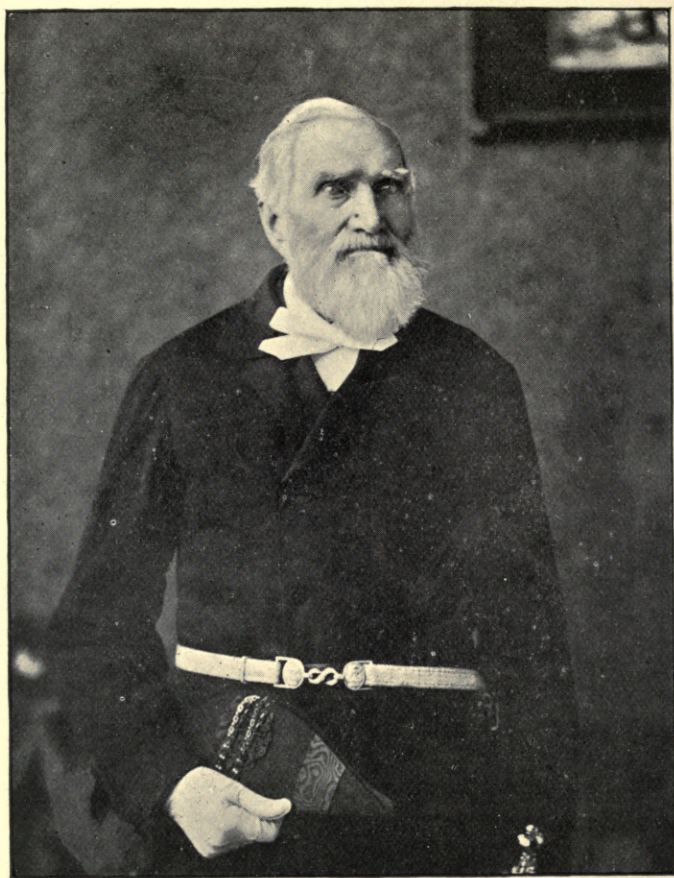
Biographical Note—1833.

The Honorable Alexander Stewart, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Master of the Rolls of the Province of Nova Scotia, and Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty, was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the first day of January, 1794, and died at Halifax first day of January, 1865. He was the son of the Reverend James Stewart, a Presbyterian minister, who with his wife shortly before his birth, came to the Province from Glasgow, Scotland. His father died when Stewart was quite young, leaving a widow and two children beside Alexander, in poor circumstances. Stewart was educated at the Halifax Grammar School, and at an early age obtained a clerkship in the Ordnance Department. After a few years' service he gave up this position, and went into a merchant's office and subsequently became a partner in the firm, which did a large West India business as Moody &

Stewart. Always anxious to become a lawyer, after acquiring considerable wealth, he commenced the study of the Law, and was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia, and afterwards of New Brunswick, in 1816. He resided at Amherst, Cumberland County, for many years, and practised both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, until he went on the Bench. He rose rapidly in the profession, and soon was regarded as one of the foremost lawyers in the Provinces. He was elected to the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia in 1826, and continued to be a representative of Cumberland County until 1836, when he was made a member of the Legislative Council, where he sat until his elevation to be Master of the Rolls.

He became a member of the Government, and was one of the late Mr. Johnston's colleagues at the time of his appointment. In 1846, on the death of S. G. W. Archibald, he was created Master of the Rolls, which position he filled with great ability until the Court was abolished by Act of the Legislature in 1856. At the same time as he was made Master of the Rolls, he was appointed Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty by the Imperial Government. His masterly decisions in that Court, as well as in the Court of Chancery, easily placed him in the front rank of the many eminent Judges of this Province.

In his early political life, Mr. Stewart. was a Reformer, and took a leading part in the attack upon, and abolition of the Old Council of Twelve. He worked in conjunction with Joseph Howe. Afterwards, believing Howe was becoming too extreme, they parted, and Stewart became a member of the Johnston Administration. He was a powerful and fluent speaker, and most active in the Legislature. His honorable and upright character as a man, with the ability and boldness with which he supported the measures he advocated, made him, in his day, one of the greatest forces in the Legislature. He



ROBERT ROMANS

joined the Society in 1833, and at once became a leading and valued member. His dignified presence and eloquent patriotic addresses, both at the Quarterly and at the annual celebration of St. Andrew, were worthy meetings of a greater platform. For thirty years he contributed greatly by his magnificent mental powers to the prestige and advantage of the Society.

Robert Romans was a very popular man, generous, genial and dignified, and well liked by the Society and citizens. He for years, when advanced in life, filled the position of Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the Legislative Council.

1834.

The Quarterly meetings were held at Mason Hall, and were well attended. About ninety pounds were applied to charitable purposes, and the records show a well sustained interest in the affairs of the Institution by the members. This year the Society's Bond, surrendered by Lieut. James Duffus, was taken by Mr. James Lessell, a gentleman long connected with the Society. Among the names of ordinary members admitted, we notice that of George Esson, a gentleman who proved himself during a long term of membership a most zealous and worthy adherent of the Society, and well known as an indefatigable member of the Committee of Charity. The following were also admitted during the year:

Rev. Alex. Romans,	Jas. Flockhart, Jr.,
James Leitch,	James Irons,
James Humphrey,	Gilbert Elliot,
Daniel McIvor,	John McLeod,
George Nicoll,	John Rhind,
Alexander Carson,	Andrew Oswald,
	James Crawford.

At the Annual Meeting a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen were appointed to wait upon the Lieutenant-Governor, His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, with a copy of the Rules of the Society, viz.:

S. G. W. Archibald,	Chas. W. Wallace.
Hon. B. Halliburton,	Chas. W. Wallace.
John Young and the President, V.P., and Treasurer.	

The following office-bearers were chosen for the ensuing year, 1835, viz.:

Archibald Sinclair, <i>President</i> ;	
William Murdoch, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
John Watt, <i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
William Miller, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Esson, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
John Gibson, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Alexander Fiddes, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Adam Esson,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
James Dechman,	
Robert Noble,	
Wm. Billop Robertson.	
James Thomson,	
James Dechman, <i>Collector of Back Dues</i> ;	
James Grant, <i>Messenger</i> .	

The Festival was quite a grand affair. It was held at Masonic Hall, and the President waived his claim of presiding to the Hon. Chief Justice Halliburton, who was ably assisted by the Attorney-General as Vice Chairman. Among the distinguished guests were His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Colin Campbell and Staff, Hon. T. N. Jeffrey, etc. In the course of the evening Sir Colin addressed the Society with much feeling, expressing his great satisfaction in meeting such a body of countrymen, and of the pleasure experienced by him in uniting with such a Society in doing honor to the National Saint. Speeches followed from John Young, and other talented

members. The company broke up about 2 a.m., after a most enthusiastic celebration, at which wit and the expression of high patriotic thought united with thorough Scotch conviviality in making time fly swiftly to the hour when the closing toast of our next merry meeting was given.

1835.

The meetings were held this year at the Masonic Hall. Over £120 was appropriated to the charity of the Society.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Lieut.-Governor with a copy of the Rules of the Institution, reported that they had done so, and that Sir Colin Campbell was much flattered by the call and signified his appreciation of the honor conferred in electing him an Honorary Member of the Society. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

James Fraser,	Thomas Elliot,
Robert McHannay,	Alex. Stewart,
James Irons,	John Oal,
William Bauld,	John Forbes.

Not much of note was transacted at the meetings, but the Committee of Charity were actively employed, as the cholera visited Halifax during the summer. At the Annual Meeting in November, the following gentlemen were chosen to preside over the Society for 1836, viz.:

Robert Noble, *President*;
George R. Young, *Vice-President*;
Andrew MacKinlay, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Adam Reid, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Alexander Fiddes, *Treasurer*;
John Esson, *Secretary*;
John Gibson, *Asst. Secretary*;
James Grant, *Messenger*;

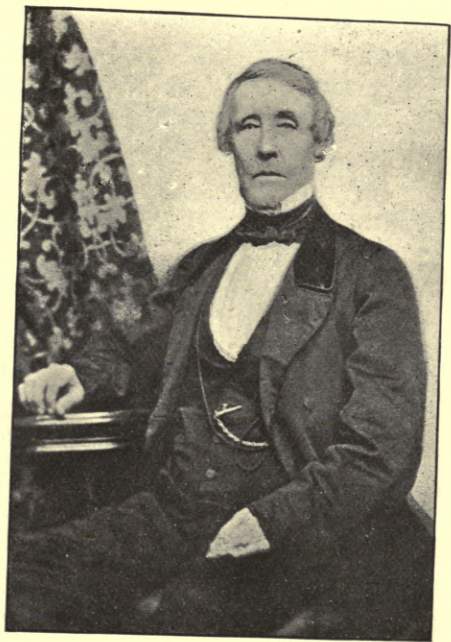
Robert Romans,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
James Thomson,		
Adam Esson,		
W. B. Robertson,		
John Fraser,		
George Esson,	}	<i>Committee for Collecting Back Dues.</i>
John Rhind,		
Daniel McLean,		

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the office-bearers of the past year.

The Society celebrated the anniversary of the Saint at Mason Hall. A numerous company sat down and did justice to a splendid dinner. The President, Robt. Noble, Esq., very ably discharged his duties, and was well assisted by G. R. Young as Vice-Chairman. At the right of the President sat Sir Colin Campbell, who favored the company during the evening with a patriotic address, speaking of the great satisfaction it gave him to meet so many of his co-patriots; that in many lands and under many various circumstances he had met many companies of his countrymen, but never an occasion such as the present where all were so enthusiastic and genial. The splendid Band of the 34th Regiment enlivened the evening, between the toasts, with the magnificent music, and also sung several Scotch Glees. The night was spent in harmony and mirth, and the jollity was still vigorous when the reporter of the above extract for the next day's paper left the scene, some time beyond that hour which is of "*Night's dark arch the key stane.*"

Biographical Note—1835.

Robert Noble was one of our most popular and wealthy members, who for many years was ever foremost in all matters of patriotism and charity in Halifax. He was born at Peebles, Scotland, August 9th, 1792, and



ROBERT NOBLE

entered on a busy commercial life at Leith. At an early age he emigrated to this country in 1814, and for an extended period covering many years, conducted an extensive West India business in our city. He amassed wealth by his strenuous and well-directed efforts, and ever held the confidence of his fellows by his integrity and high code of honor, and was looked up to as about the last of the great Scottish mercantile guild of Halifax, which for so many years had given such prominence in the world to the business of our city. In 1822 he joined our Society, and through a long and honorable career held the esteem of his countrymen. He was a popular President, and before attaining that distinction had served with honor in all the subordinate offices. Mr. Noble was a cousin of the great Edinburgh publishers, William and Robert Chambers, with whom he for many years corresponded. Mr. Noble became a Perpetual Member in 1869, and died in 1872 greatly regretted, aged 80 years.

1836.

The meetings were held at the Mason Hall, and were all well attended. Much work was transacted, and with such a popular gentleman as Mr. Noble at the head of the Society, the business, as might be expected, was carried on with great unanimity. About £100 was disbursed by the Committee of Charity, and the following were admitted ordinary members, viz.:

John McPherson,	Alex. G. Fraser,
Adam Black,	Geo. Henderson,
Robert Mitchell,	Lawrence McLean,
Neil McQuarrie,	William MacKinlay,
Wm. Stephenson,	Winckworth Allan,
Allan Campbell,	Donald McKay,

John Gordon.

The Society having sent a copy of the Rules to Dr. McDonald, R.A., and Capt. Pringle, R.A., two fellow countrymen, each asked to be added to the list of Honorary Members, and were at the November meeting, with Matthew McKenna and Alexander Duff, unanimously elected.

At the Annual Meeting, which was attended by over seventy members, the thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to the Committee for collecting back dues, for their exertions in collecting a very large amount during the year, also to the retiring Treasurer, Alex. Fiddes, Esq., for his faithful services as Treasurer to the Society, and to the Secretary, John Esson, for his regular attendance during the last two years to the business of the Society. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

George R. Young, *President*;

John Munro, *Vice-President*;

John Esson, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

James Murdoch, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

John Watt, *Treasurer*;

Angus Fraser, *Secretary*;

George Henderson, *Asst. Secretary*;

James Grant, *Messenger*;

James Thomson,

Robert Romans,

William Grant,

Adam Esson,

John Fraser,

John Brander,

Wm. Murray,

John McKay,

} *Committee of Charity:*

} *Committee for Collecting
Back Dues.*

The anniversary was duly honored by a magnificent dinner at the Exchange Coffee House, then conducted by Donald Campbell, a famous caterer of the day, on the 30th November.

George R. Young, as President, ably presided, and was well assisted by John Munro, Vice-President. The night was marked by great hilarity and harmony, and as if to do honor to the occasion, the wife of the Host was delivered of a fine boy just as the Band was playing "The Campbells are Coming," after the health of Sir Colin Campbell was being responded to.

There is a dim tradition that the boy, immediately after his advent to Halifax, was brought in on a silver salver and presented to Sir Colin, who named him "St. Andrew Donald Campbell," in honor of the occasion, after which the health of this latest addition to the Campbell Clan was drunk with Highland honors, and on motion of Sir Colin, he was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

During the Festival twenty-two toasts were drunk. Amongst others that of the living Fathers of the Society, James Forman and Alexander Fiddes, Esqs.

Biographical Note—1836.

George R. Young, born at Falkirk, 1802, was brother of Sir William, and for many years his legal partner; he was a son of John Young, the great Agriculturist. He was an eminent counsel, and long connected with our Society.

1837.

The meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House. The Society well supported their very popular President, a fair number was added to the Roll

and over £100 were distributed in charity. The following were admitted ordinary members:

John McGregor,	Thomas Humphrey,
Rev. James McIntosh,	Alexander Fraser,
Jacob Currie,	W. Donaldson,
Joseph G. Ross,	Edward Craigen,
W. Donald,	David Walker,
John U. Ross,	

and the gentlemen named below were elected Honorary Members:

Hon. Col. Dundas, H.M. 83rd Regt., proposed by John Esson;

E. Binchin and Robert McIntosh, of Shelburne.

A considerable amount was collected by the "Back Dues Committee." Among those admitted were John McGregor, Esq., at one time owner of Pictou Island, who was afterwards elected President, who took a warm interest in the working of the Society, and Rev. James McIntosh, a talented young clergyman in connection with the Church of Scotland in this city. At the Annual Meeting the gentlemen selected by the Society to preside over its interests for the ensuing year were:

John Munro,	<i>President;</i>
James F. Gray,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Edward Wallace,	<i>Scnr. Vice-President;</i>
Alexander Primrose,	<i>Junr. Vice-President;</i>
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
James Lessell,	<i>Secretary;</i>
George Esson,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
James Thomson,	} <i>Committee</i>
Robert Romans,	
William Grant,	
John Fraser,	
Adam Esson,	
William Murray,	} <i>Committee for Collecting</i>
John Brander,	
John McKay,	
	<i>Back Dues.</i>

A vote of thanks was moved and passed unanimously to the office-bearers for the past year for their faithful discharge of duty.

The Festival was celebrated at the Exchange Coffee House by the Society dining together. A large number of members, with many guests, among them Lieut.-General Sir Colin Campbell and Sir Peter Halket, Admiral on the Station, with other noted Scots, supporting the Chair, sat down to an elegant dinner. The occasion was marked by that friendly conviviality which has made those re-unions of St. Andrew popular and to be looked forward to as Festivals in every way worthy of the Society, and of ushering in the winter enjoyments. The Band of the 34th Regiment occupied the Orchestra.

1838.

This year the meetings were held at Mason Hall, and were well attended. The Committee of Charity had many applicants for relief, and disbursed about £100. Two gentlemen were elected Perpetual Members, viz.:

Thomas Williamson, Esq., Hugh Lyle, Senr., and fourteen names were added to the roll of ordinary members, viz.:

Donald Murray,	Robert Macdonald,
John Grant,	Samuel Gray,
Alexander Bain,	Andrew Richardson,
Anthony Ingles,	Alexander Rhind,
George McKenzie,	Dr. A. Sawers,
John Watson,	John C. Halliburton,
William Campbell,	James McKenzie.

In the above list will be noticed the names of several most worthy members, for few Societies have had the good fortune to possess such zealous and attached adherents, and no similar institution in the country, we believe, could present such an array of real earnest, talented and popular members as our Roll exhibited at this period. Two names in the list of new members of this year deserve notice, viz.:

Donald Murray, George McKenzie,
gentlemen who proved themselves well worthy the esteem of their fellow citizens and of their brother members; active and faithful, they will be long remembered as being always foremost when any work of charity was in hand, and of being the most popular of our Presidents. Mr. George McKenzie, after a most useful life, died regretted on November 24th, 1867.

Mr. Murray, a most estimable member, died in 1874.

The Coronation of our Sovereign, Queen Victoria, took place on the 28th June of this year, and was celebrated with great honor by the citizens.

The Society led the procession on that occasion, and presented an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for transmission to England, expressive of their loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty and the Throne. The address was drawn up by Wm. Young, C. W. Wallace, R. Noble, and the office-bearers of the Society. A Banner was used for the first time by the Society at this celebration, which was prepared under the superintendence of the office-bearers, and the expense was defrayed by subscription of the members.

The 93rd Highlanders being stationed in this City, a copy of the Rules was sent to the officers, which resulted in several of them applying for admission as Honorary Members. At the August meeting, the following letter was read by the Secretary:

HALIFAX, June 29th, 1838.

SIR,—

LT. COL MCGREGOR,
MAJOR ARTHUR,
LIEUT. NIELSON,
“ DUNBAR,
“ BUCHANAN,
“ AGNEW
“ GORDON,
DR. CAMPBELL.

I have the honor to acquaint you that the officers of the 93rd Highlanders named in the margin, being natives of Scotland, are desirous of becoming Honorary Members of the North British Society of Halifax.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient humble servant,
JOHN ARTHUR,
Major Commanding 93rd Highlanders.

To the Secretary of the North British Society.

The above were duly admitted by acclamation.

At the November meeting Dr. Robertson, Staff Surgeon, was also elected an Honorary member.

The following office-bearers were chosen for 1839.

James F. Gray,	<i>President;</i>
Alex. Primrose,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
C. W. Wallace,	<i>Senr. Vice-President;</i>
John McLean,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
John McGregor,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Samuel Gray,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
James Thomson,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John Fraser,	
Robert Romans,	
Adam Esson,	
William Grant,	} <i>Collectors of Back Dues.</i>
William Murray,	
John Brander,	
John W. Ross,	

The Festival of St. Andrew was most enthusiastically celebrated. The dinner took place at Mason Hall and was well attended, the officers of the 93rd Highlanders

being all present. The Band and Pipers of the Regiment added to the pleasure of the celebration. The large company broke up at 2 a.m., delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Several good speeches were made during the dinner. Among the noticeable ones of the evening was one by the coming statesman, Joseph Howe, who took the company (although a Tory one) by storm. He received, at the close of his remarks, a splendid ovation. The President, James F. Gray, was ably assisted by Alexander Primrose, Vice-President, who discharged the duties of the Vice Chair on the occasion with great credit to himself and the Society.

Biographical Notes—1838.

Robert Macdonald, born 1791 at Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and educated there, came to Halifax in 1816, and was for a long life favorably known as a most upright and successful man. He joined the Society with several other Sutherlandshire men such as Donald Murray, Wm. Campbell and Jas. MacKenzie, in 1838, and for many years took an active part in the work of the Institution. During his connection with the Society he proposed over 100 members, and had, perhaps, more to do with the selection of Presidents than any other man in the fraternity. He would never accept office, but was ever active in advancing the work and good of the Association. He died in 1866.

Lieut.-Colonel MacGregor, of the 93rd Highlanders, was born at Inverness in 1785, and served with great distinction in the Peninsular War. He was a great favorite in his regiment, and was created a Major-General, and subsequently was appointed Governor of the Windward Islands, where he died in 1841.



ROBERT MACDONALD



LIEUT.-COLONEL MACGREGOR



GENERAL SIR COLIN CAMPBELL

Major-General Sir Colin Campbell, K. C. B., was a Scottish soldier of great eminence, and came to this Province as Lieut.-Governor and Commander of the forces in 1834. He was a great favorite with our Scottish community, and while here, an enthusiastic member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He was a large contributor to our funds, and a constant attendant at the meetings. Sir Colin was the most popular of the Scottish Governors of Nova Scotia, and we had several after the great Peace of 1815, who were appointed to take charge of the Province. Dalhousie, Kempt, Maitland, Campbell and Falkland followed in succession, and then it closed; and since that time the English and Irish have had a long innings. Sir Colin presided at the great christening held at the St. Andrew's Dinner, 1836, which is duly recorded under that year's record. At his departure from Nova Scotia in 1840, for Scotland, a procession was formed by the North British and Highland Societies, and the horses drawing the carriage in which he was conveyed to the steamer were unharnessed and the carriage drawn by the members.

1839.

The meetings were held this year at the Masonic Hall, the February and November meetings being attended by over seventy members. The usual amount was distributed during the year in charity. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members, viz.:

George P. Mitchell, John Munro, 2nd,
John McLeod, Hugh Munro,
Thomas Rhind,

and the following were elected Honorary Members:

James Forman, Jr.,
Hugh Lyle, Jr., Master Mariner,

and Robert M. Brown, Esq., became a Perpetual Member by paying the usual fee of £10.

The members were all called upon this year for a private subscription of two shillings each to liquidate balance due on Banner procured last year for the Society.

Mr. John Watt, Treasurer, received the thanks of the Society for his handsome presentation of a Treasurer's Insignia of office, consisting of a blue silk scarf with two silver cross keys, worn by himself in the Coronation Procession on June 28th, 1838. It was moved by William Young, and passed unanimously, "That two additional officers be in future appointed by the Society to regulate and superintend the necessary arrangements for the Quarterly meetings, to be called Stewards." John Richardson and Alexander McKenzie were accordingly appointed for the purpose expressed in the above resolution.

At the November meeting, considerable discussion is recorded on the subject of back dues, several members being in two and three years' arrears. Resolutions and amendments were submitted, but it was finally decided to leave the matter, as at present, to the Committee for collection. At this meeting the following office-bearers were chosen for 1840:

Alexander Primrose, *President*;

Charles W. Wallace, *Vice-President*;

John McLean, *Senr. Vice. do.*

Junior Fraser, *Junr. Vice. do.*

Samuel Gray, *Secretary*;

George P. Mitchell, *Asst. Secretary*;

John Watt, *Treasurer*;

William S. More,

John Fraser,

John Rhind,

Robert D. Clarke,

Adam Esson,

William Murray,

Alexander McKenzie,

Joseph G. Ross,

John Robb, *Messenger*.

} *Committee of Charity*;

} *Committee for Collecting
Back Dues.*

The Annual Dinner of the 30th November took place at the Mason Hall, and was a splendid re-union of the Society. The President, Alexander Primrose, well discharged the duties of Chairman, with an able assistant in John McLean as Vice. The Band of the 23rd Welsh Fusiliers was stationed in the Orchestra and enlivened the evening with a fine programme of Scottish music. Songs, speeches and sentiments from many talented gentlemen present made the hours pass swiftly away until "our next merry meeting" given at one of the early hours, closed this most popular annual celebration of the Scottish Saint.

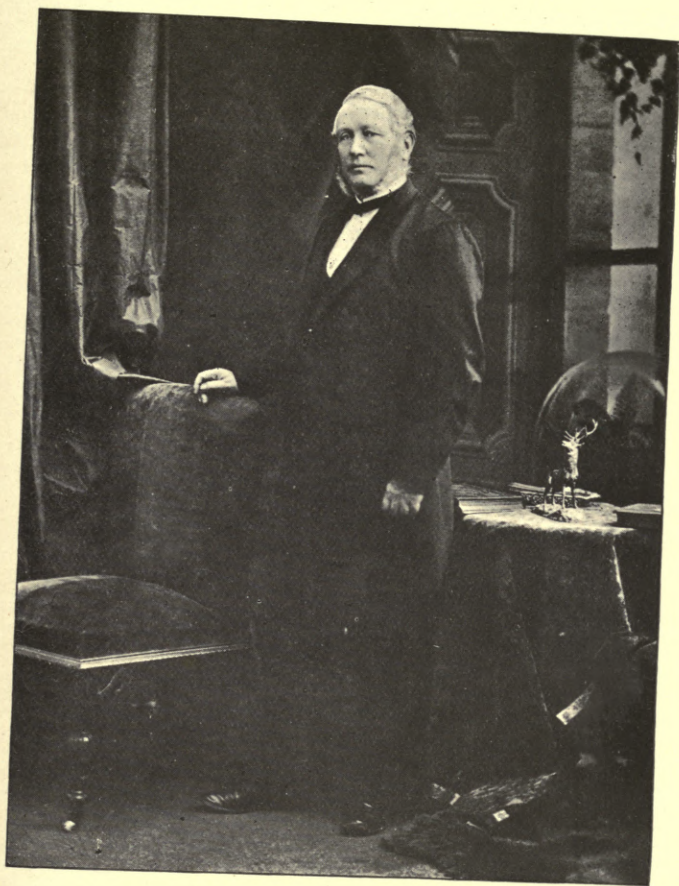
Biographical Note—1839.

Alexander Primrose, a leading lawyer for years in Halifax, was President of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia, President of the Curling Club, and a good all-round Scottish clansman.

George Peter Mitchell, a leading merchant of this city, was a son of George Mitchell, Esq., for many years Treasurer of the Society. Mr. G. P. Mitchell was born in Halifax, and for many years was noted for his business enterprise and example in all good works. He well maintained the excellent record of his family in our Institution, and after several years' service in various offices became a Perpetual Member.

1840.

This year was certainly an active one in the Society's history. A large number of members were acquired, and nearly £150 distributed in charity to worthy applicants. Several special meetings of the Society were



GEORGE PETER MITCHELL

called during the year, and a full attendance is apparent from the record of those who responded to the summons.

Nothing can show better for the vitality of an institution than the meetings being well attended, and this year the members appear to have been alive to the position and interests of the Society. At the special meeting of April 16th, it was decided to present an address to Her Majesty congratulatory upon Her Majesty's marriage with His Royal Highness, Prince Albert. The Committee appointed at that meeting consisted of

The President,
Vice-President,
Rev. John Martin,
Rev. W. Mackintosh,
Wm. Young, Esq.

The above gentlemen prepared the same, and on Tuesday, the 21st April, the Society, in conjunction with the office-bearers and members of the Highland Society, proceeded to Government House, when the Address was presented by the President, Alex. Primrose, Esq., who at the same time, in the name of the North British and Highland Societies, invited His Excellency Lord Falkland, to a Ball, to be given on the 5th May, in honor of Her Majesty's nuptials. On that date a most magnificent Ball, under the Banners of the two Societies, was given at Masonic Hall, at which His Excellency and Suite and about 300 guests were present, the result of which was highly gratifying to all concerned.

Among the gentlemen who were elected members this year we notice the name of Alex. Stephen, who was distinguished for his energetic and successful efforts for the advancement of the Society, and who presided over its 100th Annual Meeting. The following were admitted ordinary members during the year:

William Fraser,	Donald McKenzie,
George G. Gray,	Donald Sutherland,
Thos. Hutchinson,	John McDougall,
James Swan,	Duncan Patterson,
Wm. F. Reid,	David Rugg,
David McAinsh,	Peter Imlay,
John McIlreith,	Samuel B. Smith,
John Jamieson,	Joseph A. Sievwright,

and the following Honorary Members were admitted:

Duncan MacFarlane,	Wm. Annand,
Hugh H. Ross.	

Three hundred copies of the Rules, with names of additional members who had joined since the last were printed, were ordered by the Society at the May meeting. At the November meeting a communication was received from Sir Rupert D. George, acknowledging a despatch from Lord John Russell, by which he states that "Her Majesty had expressed her great pleasure on receiving the congratulations of the Society, and that an answer expressive of the same be transmitted to the North British and Highland Societies."

At this meeting a very large number of members attended to elect officers for the ensuing year. A great discussion attended this part of the business of the meeting, as the President and Vice-President were proposed and elected by acclamation, there being no other candidates proposed. This was objected to by many of the members as irregular, and the attention of the President was called to the Rule of the Society on Elections. It was then moved and seconded that the election of the President and Vice-President be re-considered, which was lost; but the election of the remaining officers took place as usual. The result was that the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1841:

Charles W. Wallace, *President*;
 John McLean, *Vice-President*;
 John Fraser, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 Robert D. Clarke, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 John Watt, *Treasurer*;
 Geo. P. Mitchell, *Secretary*;
 Alex. McNab, *Asst. Secretary*;
 William S. More,)
 John Fraser,)
 John Rhind,)
 Alex. Stewart,)
 Adam Esson,)
)
 Joseph G. Ross,)
 Alex. McKenzie,)
 William Murray,)
 John Robb, *Messenger*.

*Committee
 of
 Charity;*

*Committee for Collecting
 Back Dues.*

The Annual Dinner was held on the 30th November at the Masonic Hall. The Chair was occupied by

Chas. W. Wallace, *Chairman*;

John McLean, *Vice-Chairman*.

The dinner was a most enthusiastic one. Lord Falkland and Suite were present, the Hall being crowded with members and their guests, and the table reflected great credit on the Host Coblenz. Among the number of healths proposed, that of Sir Colin Campbell met with marked approbation. The toast was honored by the company's hearty cheers expressive of their high estimation of that gallant gentleman. The occasion was a most successful effort and reflected great credit on the office-bearers.

.Biographical Notes—1840.

George G. Gray, a most earnest temperance worker in Halifax. He founded the Cold Water Army in 1849, and was well known in after years as "General" Gray.

Charles W. Wallace, Treasurer of the Province and son of Hon. Michael Wallace, one of our earliest Presidents.

1841.

The meetings were held this year at the Masonic Hall, over £100 were expended by the Committee of Charity, and the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

Maurice McIlreith,	Francis Downs,
Alex. S. Reid,	Wm. Forrest,
Jas. Cameron,	Dr. Jas. C. Hume,
Robert Kerr,	Jas. Cameron, Jr.,
Wm. Craig,	John McDonald,
Andrew Wilson,	Alex. J. Stewart,
Jas. Barron,	John Wilson,
Henry Gibson.	

The following Honorary Members were elected:

James Berwick,	Alex. Fiddes,
J. Fraser.	

At the May meeting Alex. Primrose became a Perpetual Member by paying £10 into the hands of the Treasurer. A large amount of back dues having accumulated, it was determined to pay some member of the Society five per cent. for collecting, and Wm. Craig was deputed to act as Collector for the Society and to pay over to the Treasurer monthly the amount collected. This year, on motion of John Watt, it was determined to open a subscription list with the members for the purchase of Banners and Badges for the Society. At the November meeting the Secretary stated that an old and esteemed member, Alex. Fiddes, wished, on account of his advanced age and inability to attend the meetings, to withdraw, but the members unanimously

decided to place his name on the Honorary list. At the Annual meeting the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1841, their names being proposed by ballot:

John McLean, <i>President</i> ;	
Robert D. Clarke, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
John McGregor, <i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
Wm. S. More, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
Alexander McNab, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
Donald Murray, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
John Watt, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
John Brander,	} <i>Committee</i>
William Grant,	
John Esson,	
Thomas Laidlaw,	
Alexander Stewart,	
William Craig, <i>Collector</i> ;	<i>of</i>
John Robb, <i>Messenger</i> .	<i>Charity</i> ;

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the office-bearers for their attention to their duties during the past year.

The Festival was duly celebrated on the 30th November, by a grand dinner at the Masonic Hall, Lord Falkland, the Admiral and other notables present.

John McLean, Esq., *Chairman*;
Robert D. Clarke, *Vice-Chairman*.

A large number of members and guests sat down, and the toasts, which were many, enthusiastic and patriotic, were enlivened in the pauses by the splendid Band of the 64th Regiment. Many talented speeches were made, and this splendid celebration was kept up with spirit until the sma' hours of the 1st December. The conduct of the arrangements throughout reflected much credit on the President and office-bearers for their successful management.

A special meeting of the Society was held at Mason Hall on the 14th December, to take into consideration the presentation of an address to Her Majesty, in honor of the birth of the Duke of Cornwall, when it was unanimously decided to present an address, and to forward the same through His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. The officers of the Society, with the Hon. Alexander Stewart, Hon. James McNab, William Young, James Thomson and Robert Noble, were appointed a Committee to prepare the same.

It was also resolved to unite with the sister Societies and citizens in the public celebration to be held 23rd December, in honor of the birth of the Duke of Cornwall, and the Secretary was ordered to forward copies of the above resolution to the Mayor and the several sister Societies.

Arrangements for the celebration were made by the civic authorities, but in the programme of the procession of Societies for presenting the address, the right of precedence belonging to the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY by age, having been ignored, led to another special meeting being called on the 22nd December, when the following resolutions were offered and passed unanimously:

Moved by G. R. Young, and "*Resolved* that this Society was founded in the year A. D. 1768, and has ever since been in existence, following up the charitable and useful views of its founders."

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Society, that in all public processions, the charitable and other Societies established, ought to take precedence according to seniority, and that such principle is invariably acted upon in general celebrations in the Mother Country."

"*Resolved*, That having understood that in the celebration of the 23rd inst., this order of arrangement cannot be followed out, this Society cannot join in the same with-

out painful collision with other Societies or yielding a privilege conferred upon them by age and custom established in the Mother Country."

These resolutions were endorsed by a very large meeting, and the Committee appointed to draw up the address were directed to wait upon His Excellency with the same at their earliest convenience, and the Secretary was directed to enclose a copy of the above resolution to His Worship the Mayor.

The Committee, accompanied by forty leading members, waited upon His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Lord Falkland, on the 23rd of December, and presented the Address of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY for transmission to Her Majesty. The deputation was received at Government House at 11 o'clock, and the joint address of the Irish, St. George and Philanthropic N.S. Societies at 12 o'clock, so that the right of precedence of the NORTH BRITISH was sustained, although the miserable political jealousy and intrigue in which the other national societies became entangled, and which it is outside our province to discuss, prevented our Society taking part in the patriotic pageant of the day. The event of the withdrawal of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY created quite a breeze of feeling and excitement, which continued for some time after, disturbing greatly the harmony of the community, and resulting in the abolition of a long established custom at Government House affecting the social recognition of the various national societies.

From the time of Lieut.-Governor Franklin in 1773, down through the regimes of the several Governors to Lord Falkland, the President of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was an official guest at the many private and public functions of the Mimic Court at Government House. The social status of the President as head of an important institution of leading men was acknowledged; moreover, it was given cheerfully, as a return for the

hospitalities of the Society extended annually to the Governor and his retinue. But after this date, Falkland, who was not a strong man, afraid of the matter of disputed precedence arising again, decided to run no risks, and so the social recognition of the President and Society at Government House ended, and has never since been renewed. It was a most unpleasant episode and reflected little credit upon the societies who took so active a part against the just recognition of the Society's right to precedence by age in national processions in this community.

Biographical Note—1841.

John Maclean, of the firm of Sinclair & Maclean, was a popular member and one who rendered splendid service to the Society.

1842.

The Society met this year at the Masonic Hall, and the records show a large attendance, and even more than the ordinary amount of business transacted. Over £120 was disbursed in charity, and the following names added to the roll of ordinary members:—

William Finlay,	William Grant, Jr.,
Nicholas Vass.	William Hutcheson,
Hugh Morton,	Rev. William Duff,

and the following were elected Honorary members:

Lieut.-General Sir Colin Campbell,
Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam.

William Strachan, through extreme old age, being unable to attend the meetings, was unanimously placed on the list of Honorary Members.

A Committee consisting of the President and office-bearers of the North British and Highland Societies, with

James Thomson, having been appointed to procure Banners for the two patriotic Institutions, held several meetings during the year. It was unanimously decided, after having examined several descriptions of Banners, that the following be procured: First, a large Banner with the Royal Arms of Scotland, according to ancient heraldry emblazoned on both sides in the words:

“NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, established at Halifax, 1768” to be the Banner of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, and that the Banner of the Highland Society have on the first side the arms designated in the charter, and on the reverse, the figure of Ancient Caledonia on red, also the two Standards of Scotland. The first to bear the Red Rampant Lion of Scotland upon a Golden Shield, the second, the Silver Cross of St. Andrew upon a blue ground, and a large Union Jack for both Societies, all to be of heavy silk.

The material was imported, and the size of the Banners, making, and general superintendence was entrusted to Jas. Thomson, who with the painter, Geo. Smithers, produced those elegant Banners, which, until their destruction by fire in 1892, were greatly prized by the Societies.

The President, John McLean, generously presented to the Society a splendid transparency of our patron saint, St. Andrew, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members.

At the November meeting the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, 1843:

Robert D. Clarke,	<i>President;</i>
John McGregor,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Hugh Lyle,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>
John McDougall,	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Donald Murray,	<i>Secretary;</i>
John Gibson,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>

John Brander,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Angus Fraser,		
John Esson,		
William Grant, Sr.,		
Thomas Laidlaw,		
Jas. Fraser, <i>Messenger.</i>		

The Society duly celebrated the Festival of Saint Andrew by dining together at the Masonic Hall. About seventy members and guests were present, and under the able management of R. D. Clarke, Chairman, and John McGregor, who occupied the Vice Chair, the company enjoyed themselves as Scots can on such national occasions. Songs, toasts and talented responses, with good music, soon brought around the time of parting, which took place at midnight, all present being delighted with the Festival. The Band of the 30th Regt. occupied the Orchestra.

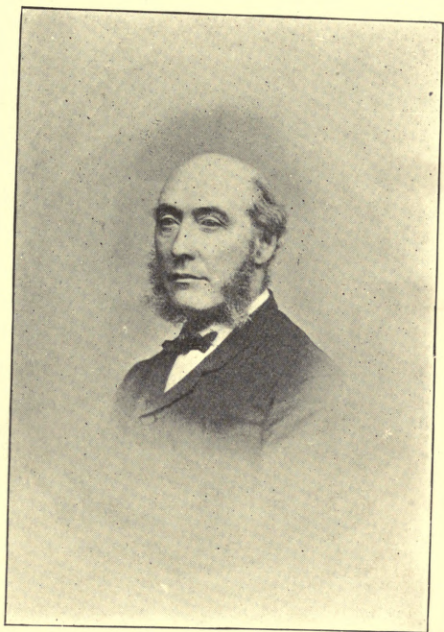
Biographical Notes—1842.

William Grant, Secretary for seven years, at present date (1904), is still an active member and the "Father" of the Society.

Robert D. Clarke, a popular member, and a descendant of Duncan Clark, an early President.

1843.

The Society held their meetings this year at the Masonic Hall, and really did good service in the noble work of charity, the Committee having had a most unusual number of applicants for relief. About £150 was disbursed in sending poor Scotsmen back to their native land, and relieving fellow countrymen.



WILLIAM GRANT

This year was also distinguished by the large amount of back dues collected, and the great interest taken in the working of the Institution. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

Henry Watson,	Adam Hunter,
Wm. McKay,	Geo. Wilson,
Wm. Clarke,	Alex. McDonald,
John Cormack,	Robt. Lindsay,
Robt. Forest,	Robt. Balfour,
Robt. G. Noble,	Daniel Thompson,
Henry Taylor.	

A donation to the funds was received from Sir Colin Campbell, the late Lieut.-Governor, through John L. Starr, his senior Aid-de-Camp, accompanied with the grateful recollection of the affectionate respect displayed by the Society on the occasion of the departure from Nova Scotia of the donor.

At the November meeting, after the disposal of a great amount of business, the Society proceeded to elect office-bearers, which resulted as follows:

John McGregor,	<i>President;</i>
John Richardson,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
John McDougall,	<i>Sen. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
Samuel Gray,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
James Scott,	<i>Secretary;</i>
John Cormack,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
John McIlreith,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John Esson,	
Wm. Grant,	
Jas. Findlay,	
Angus Fraser,	} <i>Collectors of Back Dues.</i>
Geo. McKenzie,	
Alex. Bain,	
W. B. Stephenson,	

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers for their unremitting attention to their duties while in office. The celebration of the Festival was left with the office-bearers elect.

The 30th was duly honored by a large and enthusiastic company dining together at the Masonic Hall. The Chair was ably filled by the President, who was the life of the assemblage. Toasts and good fellowship were enjoyed until 3 a.m., December 1st, when our next merry meeting was given to a very happy and animated company.

Biographical Note—1843.

John McGregor, a leading lawyer and most enthusiastic Scot, was several times re-elected President of the Highland Society. He at one period of his life owned Pictou Island.

1844.

This year the meetings were held, as for several past years, at the Masonic Hall. Over £120 was distributed in relief by the Committee of Charity.

At the February meeting it was unanimously decided to admit fellow countrymen, non-residents, to the meetings of the Society, the member introducing each or any to pay two shillings and sixpence for the summer, and five shillings for the meetings of November and February, for each one so introduced, such strangers not to take any part in the business. By this means it was supposed the Society would be better known and appreciated. The following were admitted ordinary members during the year:

William Stevens,	Charles Hamilton,
William Robb,	Neil Rankin,
James Williamson,	Alexander McLean,
William Kandick,	

and at the August meeting, Captain John Taylor, of the

brig "William," was proposed as an Honorary Member by John Cormack, and unanimously elected by a show of hands. The above well-known gentleman proved a most valuable acquisition to our Society.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were chosen for 1845:

John Richardson, *President*;

James Thomson, *Vice-President*;

Samuel Gray, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

Donald Murray, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

John Watt, *Treasurer*;

Geo. McKenzie, *Secretary*;

Wm. Grant, *Asst. Secretary*;

John McIlreith,

Hugh Campbell,

Adam Reid,

Wm. Grant, *Senr.*,

Jas. Findlay,

James Scott,

William Finlay,

William Stephenson,

Committee

of

Charity.

*Committee for Collecting
Back Dues.*

The Festival celebration was left, as usual, with the office-bearers. At this meeting a note was received from Lieut.-Col. Crabbe, commanding the 74th Highlanders, enclosing the sum of one pound for the Charity Fund of the Institution.

The celebration of the 30th took place at Masonic Hall. Over one hundred members and guests assembled to do honor to the occasion, and the table reflected great credit on the caterer, Hesslein. The Chair was filled by John Richardson, well assisted by James Thomson, Vice-Chairman, and Assistant Vice-Presidents Donald Murray and Samuel Gray. About twenty toasts were given from the chair, and the time sped rapidly until the approaching Sabbath, which forbade any encroachments,

warned the company by the parting toast that time was up at a quarter to twelve. 'This dinner was long remembered by all who had the pleasure of being present, as being the most social of the many gatherings that had taken place under the banners of the Society. An incident in connection with the dinner may be noted. The city had but recently been lit with gas, and slight difficulties occurred occasionally with the meters, so it happened that just as the company were comfortably seated, the gas suddenly went out and the hall was in darkness. Happily no confusion followed, as all kept their seats, and the trouble was almost instantly rectified.

Biographical Note—1844.

John Richardson, a native of Perth, Scotland, was very popular in the community. He was President of the First Halifax Curling Club, President of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia, a leading man in the NORTH BRITISH, and in every way a gentleman of intelligence and judgment. He was greatly esteemed for his many manly and patriotic qualities. He joined the Society in 1827.

1845.

This year the meetings were held at the Masonic Hall and were very largely attended. The Committee of Charity expended about £100 in charity, and a large number of new members were acquired, viz.:

Robert Boak,	John Lithgow,
James Magee,	Wm. Boak,
James Price,	William Thomson,
William Campbell,	H. B. Reid,
James Grieve,	Angus McLean,



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William Crawford,	Jas. Gordon,
John Sinclair,	R. G. Fraser,
William Jamison,	Alex. McKay,
Alex. Taylor,	Alex. McPherson,
Donald Sutherland,	Jas. Mitchell,
Errol Boyd,	Jas. Rhind,
Jas. Reeves,	Geo. Brown,
Jos. Robinson,	John Mitchell.

A large amount of back dues were collected and the meetings were all enthusiastic and interesting. The Society celebrating the anniversary of Bannockburn on the 24th of June by a procession and picnic, in which they were joined by the Highland Society, and the display of Scottish costume in the procession, joined with the splendid new banners, made it one of the most brilliant pageants ever witnessed in Halifax. The picnic was a most triumphant success, and reflected the highest credit on Messrs. John Esson, Donald Murray, John Rhind, Maurice McIlreith, and John Brander, who so ably conducted the celebration to such a successful issue. At the next meeting in August they received the unanimous thanks of the Society for their exertions. A vote of thanks was also passed to William Grant, Sr., for his admirable marshalling the procession on that day. At the November meeting, after the usual routine business, the Society proceeded to elect the office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

Jas. Thomson, *President*;
 John Esson, *Vice-President*;
 Hugh Campbell, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 Samuel Gray, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 John Watt, *Treasurer*;
 Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*;
 Alex. H. Taylor, *Asst. Secretary*;

Wm. Grant, Sr.,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Peter Grant,		
John McNab,		
Adam Reid,		
Jas. Findlay,		
Jas. Scott,	}	<i>Collectors of Back Dues.</i>
Angus McLean,		
William McKay,		
Rev. John Scott,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. John Martin,		
James Fraser,		<i>Messenger.</i>

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the office-bearers for attention to their duties during the past year. The celebration of the National Anniversary took place on Monday, 1st December, at Masonic Hall, when a large company consisting of members and guests assembled, and as it is recorded, "the gas did not go out this time." Jas. Thomson filled the chair, and John Esson, the vice-chair. About twenty-six toasts were disposed of and wit, conviviality and good-fellowship reigned supreme until the sma' hours of the next morning.

These re-unions are productive of much good, as at them local prejudices are forgotten and all meet in a National sense as brethren cherishing kindly feelings towards each other, as sons of one particular family of the human race—feelings second only to the ties of kindred. At these celebrations, recollections of the past history of our country are awakened and strengthened, and love heightened for our glorious fatherland.

Biographical Notes—1845.

James Thomson, a native of Pennycuik, Midlothian, Scotland, was a gentleman of most profound judgment and ability. He founded the firm of Thomson & Esson, who were the leading cabinet-makers of the City for



JAMES THOMSON



REV. JOHN MARTIN

many years. They were succeeded in business by Gordon & Keith, Barrington Street. Mr. Thomson was long connected with the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, and for several years was on the Committee of Charity; was President of the Mechanics' Institute, the Halifax Library, and other literary organizations.

Rev. John Martin was born at Perth, Scotland, in 1790, ordained at Hamilton, Scotland, and came out to Halifax in 1822, when he was called to the Pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, which he occupied until his death in 1865. For many years he edited the *Guardian* newspaper, and helped in all movements for the advancement of morals and education. As a speaker, writer and worker, few can to-day realize the vast amount of work he so unselfishly accomplished. Mr. Martin joined our Society in 1823, and for a generation was Chaplain. He was proud of the position, and took a vital interest in the constant benevolent and social work of the Institution. His speeches, pithy, witty and humorous at the celebration of Saint Andrew, were long remembered for their eloquent reminiscences of the Land of the Leal. He was a man of piety and learning, and was looked up to as a great and unfailing authority on everything relating to Scottish Church government. He died in 1865, aged 75, deeply regretted by the community.

1846.

The four Quarterly meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and were each attended by from eighty to one hundred members. At the Annual Meeting over one hundred were present. £100 was disbursed by the

Charity Committee, and a number of ordinary members admitted, viz.:

Thomas Bayne,	Peter Ross,
John A. Moir,	Thos. Cummings,
Philip Peebles,	David Smith,
Wm. Kerr,	Wm. Woods,
Alex. Taylor,	Wm. Hutchinson,
Stewart McDonald,	Daniel McPherson,
John Wilson,	Jas. Hutton,
Wm. McLean,	Arthur McLeod,
James Scott.	Wm. Laidlaw,
Wm. Wilson,	W. A. Hesson,
Duncan Grant,	Alex. Ogston,
Wm. Grant (3rd).	

Wm. Murdoch, Esq., became a Perpetual Member, paying the usual fee of £10.

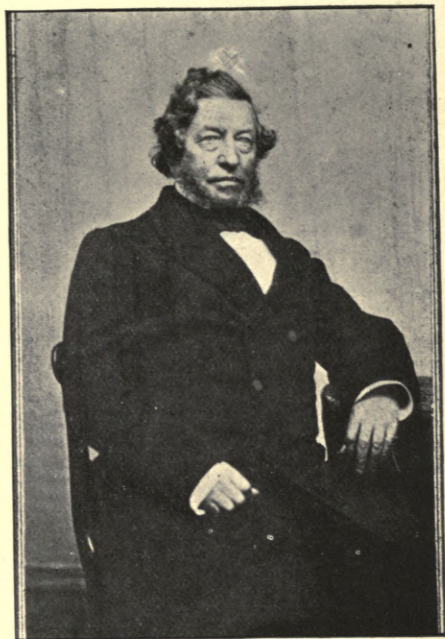
The thanks of the Society were voted to Wm. Grant, Robt. Noble and Angus McLean for their exertions in collecting a large amount of back dues.

During the year

Doctor H. McDonald, Maitland;
 Alex. Barron, Master Mariner;
 Forbes Black, Margaret's Bay, and
 Doctor McDonald, Dartmouth,

were elected Honorary Members.

The office of Senior Asst. Vice-President having become vacant by the decease of Hugh Campbell, Samuel Gray was chosen to fill his place, and Dr. James C. Hume, Junr. Asst. Vice do. In examining the Treasurer's account, we find the same number of widows on the relieved list, old pensioners and steady ones; but although discussions on that subject took place almost every year, they were still retained and relieved.



JOHN ESSON

At the November meeting the following were elected office-bearers for 1847:

John Esson, *President*;
 Wm. Murdoch, *Vice-President*;
 George McKenzie, *Senr. Vice-President*;
 John McDougall, *Junr. Vice-President*;
 John Watt, *Treasurer*;
 Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*;
 A. H. Taylor, *Asst. Secretary*;
 Wm. Grant, }
 Peter Grant, } *Committee of Charity*;
 Adam Reid, }
 Jas. Findley, }
 John McNab, }
 Angus McLean, } *Committee for Collecting*
 James Scott, } *Back Dues.*
 Alex. Davidson, }
 Chaplains re-elected.
 James Fraser, *Messenger*.

The Annual Dinner took place at Masonic Hall, and was a capital re-union. Over one hundred members and guests were present. Thirty toasts were given from the Chair, and the responses were eloquent and patriotic. The health of Sir Colin Campbell was most enthusiastically drunk, and the company separated early next day, well pleased with the celebration.

Biographical Note—1846.

John Esson, for many years head of the large West India firm of John Esson & Co., was a man of shining talents, and for many years represented Halifax County in the Legislature. He was a great favorite in the Society, of which he was a constant and enthusiastic

attendant. He was well known throughout the Province as a man of strict integrity and genuine worth. Mr. Esson died in 1863, aged 59 years.

1847.

The Society held their meetings as usual at Masonic Hall, and, as might be expected with such a capital staff of office-bearers, they were well attended and interesting. About £130 was distributed in charity, and several shipwrecked countrymen were forwarded to Scotland.

Jas. Kennedy,	Geo. Webster,
Samuel Noble,	C. W. Dickson,
David Ross,	Geo. Anderson,
Archibald Sinclair,	John Taylor
James Knight,	John Murdoch,
John McPherson,	Jas. Wilkie,
John Younnie,	Daniel Thom,
John Doull,	Alex. Dow,

became ordinary members, and

Francis Munro, Portugese Cove;
 Capt. Geo. McKenzie;
 D. Grant, Antigonish;
 Neil Rankin;
 Charles Anderson, Musquodoboit;
 Robert Grant,
 John Fraser and David Falconer,

were elected Honorary Members.

A splendid Picnic under the auspices of the North British and Highland Societies was held on the 19th August, and great credit is due to the Managing Committee, which consisted of Captain John Fraser, Donald Murray, Geo. Esson and Alex. Davidson, for its success.

At the November meeting, which was attended by about one hundred members, a large amount of business

was transacted, and the following gentlemen were elected to govern the Society for the following year:

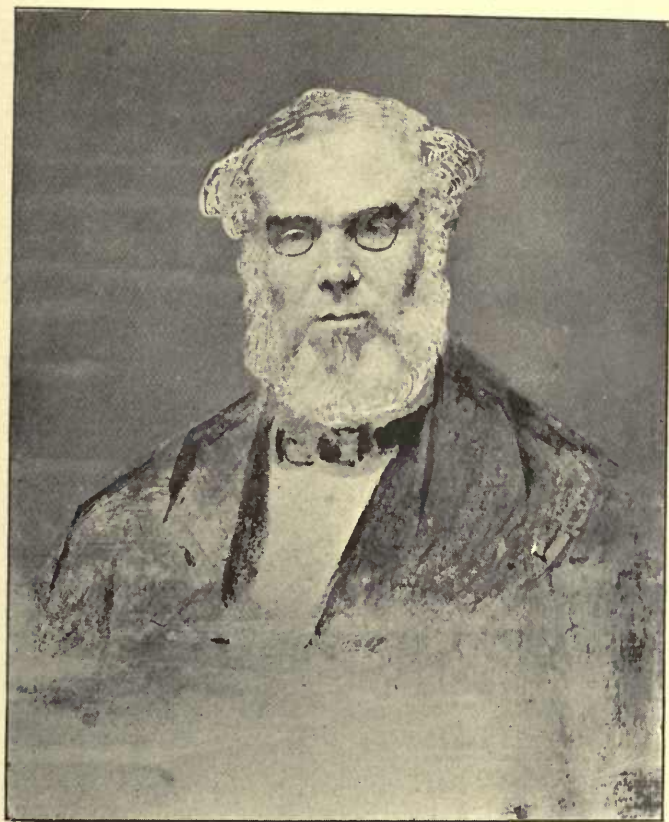
Wm. Murdoch,	<i>President;</i>	
Hon. Wm. Young,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
John Strachan,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
George Esson,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
Wm. Grant, Jr.,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
H. A. Taylor,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Wm. Grant Senr.,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Wm. Grant, Senr.,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Wm. Crawford,		
Adam Reid,		
Thos. Laidlaw,		
John McNab,	} <i>Back Dues.</i>	
Jas. Scott,		
Donald Sutherland,		
W. A. Hesson,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. John Martin,		
Rev. John Scott,		
James Fraser,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

The Annual Dinner came off on the 30th November at Masonic Hall, and was attended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Harvey and Suite, the Mayor, Heads of Departments, Office-bearers of sister societies, &c. The Chair was filled by William Murdoch, the Vice Chair by William Young. The company was large and influential, and the toasts were well given and ably responded to. The health of His Excellency was proposed as the fifth toast, and was responded to in a clever and feeling manner by Sir John Harvey, who, in return, gave the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, which called forth a spirited and brilliant response from the Vice Chairman, William Young. Amongst the speakers during the evening who commanded attention from their talented and eloquent speeches, were L. O'Connor Doyle,

Rev. John Martin, Joseph Howe, and Col. Calder. The company finally separated at 12 o'clock, in great harmony.

Biographical Notes—1847.

Wm. Murdoch, born at Perth, Scotland, 1800, was educated at Edinburgh, and entered business at Glasgow, with his brother James, in 1820. In the following year they closed business and came out to Halifax and opened up a retail dry goods establishment near the Ordnance. They were fortunate, and were joined by their brother Charles, and together prosecuted a wholesale trade with great profit. Their transactions became large, and their business was extended all over the Lower Provinces. In the course of thirty years the firm had accumulated considerable wealth. James died, and William and Charles continued the business. In 1856 William retired from the firm and conducted a private banking business, and soon became in wealth and influence a man of first importance in the community. Mr. Murdoch joined the Society in 1828, filled various offices with his usual ability, and was in 1848 elected President. He was a successful office-bearer and a favorite with the members. He never married, was charitable and ably seconded every work started for the benefit of his fellow citizens. In 1860 he retired from business and resided in London, and there, with his nephews William and Robert, conducted a large banking and commission business under the name of Murdoch, Nephews & Slater, and also founded with others the Imperial Bank Limited. Mr. Murdoch finally retired from active business and died in London November 4th, 1866. In his will he remembered several worthy charities in Halifax: the Deaf and Dumb Institute, the Blind Asylum, the Dispensary, with one thousand pounds to the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He left a large sum of money to relatives and charity, his estate being valued at £480,000 sterling, or nearly \$2,500,000.



WILLIAM MURDOCH



1848.

This was a most interesting year with the Society. The records show that the meetings were well attended, and much life is apparent from the lively discussions which took place. The Committee of Charity expended over £120, and the wreck of the ship "Omega" on the coast, with many Scotchmen on board, demanded attention, which was cheerfully given in forwarding them to their destination.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members:

John Watson,	Wm. Stewart,
R. W. Fraser,	Geo. Buist,
Wm. M. Campbell,	Charles McQueen,
John Costley,	John Wier,
Andrew McNab,	Thos. McKie,
Wm. Finlay,	G. A. Flowers,
David C. Noble,	James Walters,
Jas. Romans.	

Major Robertson, 82nd Regt., and H. Cameron, Pictou, were elected Honorary Members, and Chas. Murdoch was added to the Perpetual List, he paying the usual fee of £10.

Among the names added to the Roll this year, we must note that of George Buist, who ever distinguished himself as an earnest and active member.

The Annual Picnic of the North British and Highland Societies took place this year at Prince's Lodge, and was attended by a large number of members and guests. It was a grand affair, and reflected great honor on the Committee who had charge, and who carried out the arrangements so successfully.

The Banner incident, which attracted considerable attention at the time, occurred on the return of the

Society and its guests from Prince's Lodge. In 1848 there was considerable excitement in our City in regard to the political aspect of affairs in the Old Country, a part of the Kingdom was in revolt, and the sympathies of a portion of our town's-people were greatly aroused. One of the Society's new Banners, the Scottish Standard, in which "*Old Scotia's Lion Ramped in Gold*" had excited the notice of a number of citizens in the South End of the City, who had been told that it was an Orange Banner, and also believing that all Scotchmen in the procession were Orangemen, determined to seize and destroy it, if it were paraded in a procession on the return of this Society from the picnic that evening. The rumor of this design reached the Prince's Lodge during the afternoon, and an informal meeting of the members was at once called. Hon. William Young was chosen Chairman, when it was unanimously decided to give them a chance to try it, the Chairman asking permission to carry the Banner. Everything connected with the picnic went on successfully as usual, and in the evening the company returned to the City by the steamboat and landed at the Queen's Wharf. The Banner was carried by John Weir, a stalwart Scot well known subsequently as in charge of the Water Service. It was supported by the leading Scotchmen of our City: the Youngs, the Murdochs, the Williams, the Murrays, the members of the Curling Clubs and others of our leading citizens. Besides the members of the two Societies, there were many friends in the dense crowd which had assembled and lined the streets through which the procession was expected to pass to Masonic Hall, where it would disperse. Among these friends was the entire company of Sappers and Miners, now called Royal Engineers—Scotch to a man, with Sergt.-Major Black in charge. These gently but firmly kept the ground about the banner and left little chance for an onslaught from the crowd. Immediately the procession began moving, the herd began to hiss

and howl, and on reaching Barrington Street at corner of George to go South, a leader among the crowd of objectors endeavored to seize the Banner, yelling: "I make deman dat dat Aringe Flag wid de Red English Bull in de middle of it, be pul'd down at wance." He was at once seized by Garret Cotter and three other constables, who collared him and walked him back to the sidewalk, and then the fun got fast and furious. A storm of yells from the angry ruffians continued until the procession and flag reached Masonic Hall, when after safely storing the Banner the Society went back to the steamer for the ladies, who stayed on board the boat until the members had accomplished the safety of the now celebrated colors.

In many ways it was a regrettable incident; the dense ignorance and blind credulity of those objecting to the National Banner being displayed on the anniversary of Bannockburn could not be paralleled, we believe, in any other portion of the British Empire.

At the November meeting John Johnston, Esq., presented to the Society a Snuff Mull, formerly belonging to the St. Andrew's Society of Augusta, Georgia, U.S., when a British Colony, which elicited a vote of thanks for this interesting memento of a former generation; and on motion a silver plate was ordered to be affixed thereto, with the particulars engraved.

The following were chosen office-bearers for 1849:

Hon. Wm. Young, *President*;
John McDougall, *Vice-President*;
George Esson, *Senr. Vice-President*;
John Strachan, *Junr. Vice-President*;
John Watt, *Treasurer*;
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*;
Samuel Noble, *Asst. Secretary*;

John Gibson,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Maurice McIlreith,		
Jas. Findlay,		
John Richardson,		
Wm. Grant, Senr.,	}	<i>Committee for Collecting Back Dues.</i>
Jas. Williamson,		
Geo. Anderson,		
Geo. Webster,		
Rev. John Scott,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. John Martin,		
Wm. Grant, Senr.,		<i>Marshal;</i>
James Fraser,		<i>Messenger.</i>

The celebration of the festival was left with the office-bearers elect, and took place on the 30th November, at Masonic Hall, on which occasion His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Harvey and suite dined with the Society. This celebration was not behind any which had occurred heretofore, the assemblage of members and guests included many of our leading citizens. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Wm. Young, who well discharged his duties, and whose exertions in entertaining the company were well seconded by John McDougall, Vice-President. The table reflected credit on Hesslein, and the speeches by several talented gentlemen were the most eloquent ever listened to in Masonic Hall. The Band of the 23rd Fusiliers provided the music.

1849.

This year, under the able Presidency of Hon. W. Young, the Society flourished satisfactorily. The Quarterly meetings were all fully attended and made interesting by the office-bearers. Thirteen members were added to the Roll, viz.:



HON. WILLIAM YOUNG

[First portrait]

John Kandick,	Wm. Fraser,
John McLeod,	Jas. Rhind, Jr.,
Andrew Barton,	Bryce Gray,
Rev. Alex. Forrester,	Tristram Halliday,
Robt. Munro,	Wm. Penny,
Geo. Ross,	Wm. Smith,

and Murdoch Smith and Geo. A. Currie were elected Honorary Members.

John Esson became a Perpetual Member by making the usual donation of £10. Over £100 was expended in charity by the Committee, who distributed that amount to numerous applicants. The Society assisted in the celebration of the centenary anniversary of the settlement of Halifax, on June 8th, which came off with all the ceremonial splendor, pomp and rejoicing which might have been expected on such an occasion; the Society made a most magnificent appearance in the procession to Government House to present the address for transmission to Her Majesty, the members having turned out in numbers to honor the occasion. Wm. Grant, Senr., the Marshal of the Society, was appointed Grand Marshal of the Procession of Societies, and well discharged the duties of his office. The gorgeous Baton of Office used on that occasion he presented to the Society, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members, who decided, in order to preserve such an interesting relic of the anniversary, to deposit it with Mr. Grant's letter in the Museum of the Mechanics' Institute, Dalhousie College, and a silver plate with a suitable inscription engraved thereon, was affixed at the expense of the Society. The inscription read as follows:

PRESENTED BY THEIR MARSHAL
TO THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,
HALIFAX, N.S.,
Centenary Celebration, June 8th, 1849,
WILLIAM GRANT,
Grand Marshal.

The Baton was presented by the office-bearers to the Mechanics' Institute for depositing in their Museum, which they received, and which elicited the following reply from the President, Dr. D. McNeil Parker:

"To the President and Office-Bearers of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY:

"Permit me, on behalf of the Committee and members of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute, to tender you my best thanks for the handsome addition you have made to their Museum, by presenting it with the Baton of the first centenary Grand Marshal, Wm. Grant, used officially by that gentleman on the 8th June, 1849.

"Rest assured that the gift will be appreciated and valued, not only on account of the connection it had with the celebration of that important day, but also because it will be regarded as an evidence of the kindly feeling entertained by your Society towards one of the earliest Literary Institutions established in a Colony bearing the name of your fatherland. Personally it will afford me much gratification to place the elegant Baton in the Institute Museum for safe keeping, where doubtless it will be a subject of admiration to visitors of the present day, but more so from the association it will naturally suggest to those who in after years may view it as an interesting relic connected with the history of Nova Scotia's capital."

At the Annual Meeting, after considerable business had been disposed of, the Society proceeded to elect office-bearers, viz.:

John McDougall, *President*;
Geo. McKenzie, *Vice-President*;
John Gibson, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Geo. P. Mitchell, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*;
Samuel Noble, *Asst. Secretary*;
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*;

Maurice McIlreith,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
John Richardson,		
Archibald Sinclair,		
Jas. Findley,		
Wm. Grant, Sr.,	}	<i>Back Dues.</i>
Geo. Anderson,		
Geo. Webster,		
Jas. Williamson,		
Rev. John Martin,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. John Scott,		
James Fraser,		<i>Messenger.</i>

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Hon. Wm. Young for the thorough manner in which he had conducted the business during the past year, which vote was acknowledged in a most eloquent and feeling reply from that gentleman.

The time-honored festival of St. Andrew, the Patron Saint, was duly celebrated on November 30th. Over 100 members and guests sat down at Masonic Hall to one of the most sumptuous entertainments ever prepared in Halifax. The splendid Band of the 38th Regiment, under the direction of their talented master, Ferrugia, attended and added to the enjoyment of the evening by a magnificent programme of Scottish music. The Colonel of the 38th Regiment, Sir John Campbell, Bart., a Scotsman, afterwards killed in the Crimea while leading his regiment at the Alma, was one of the public guests, and enjoyed the company of his fellow Scotsmen, and responded to one of the toasts. Seventeen regular toasts were given, besides many volunteer ones, and the arrangements of the evening spoke well for the Chairman, John McDougall, Esq., and George McKenzie, who acted as Croupier.

Biographical Notes—1849.

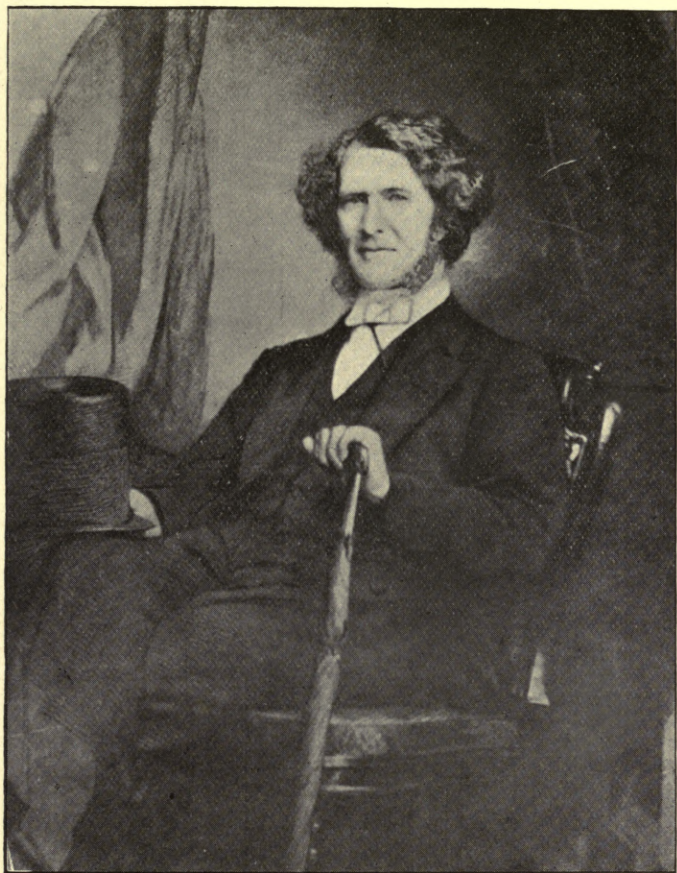
John McDougall, a leading merchant who had a large business on Hollis Street, south of Buckingham Street;

a great favorite in the Society for many years, a good speaker, who was often chosen Chairman of public meetings and gatherings.

Rev. Alex. Forrester, D.D., a most eminent member, for several years was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Society. His splendid geniality shone brightly among his countrymen on such occasions, a ready and witty speaker, brimful of enthusiastic Scottish humor, a patriotic and strong-minded man, he commanded the respect and esteem of his fellow workers in our Institution. He devoted the grand energies of a fervent enthusiasm, and the powers of a vigorous and cultivated mind, to the cause of popular education, and amidst much contention and many difficulties fought the good fight, and prepared the country for accepting in the Free School System the richest and most productive gift that could be conferred upon the people of the Province.

Dr. Forrester was born in Scotland in 1805, and educated at the University of Edinburgh. He was licensed in 1831, and ordained in 1835. His first charge was the parish of Sorbie, in Wigtonshire, where he remained until the disruption of the Free Church from the Establishment in 1843. Dr. Forrester engaged heart and soul in the movement, and was the only member of his Presbytery who did so. Shortly after this he was called to Paisley to the charge of the Free Middle Church of that city; there he remained four years until 1848, when he visited Nova Scotia as deputy from the Free Church. Here he remained, and took charge of St. John's Church, Halifax.

In 1855 the deep interest he had taken in the subject of education in Nova Scotia was recognized, and he was appointed Superintendent of Education and Principal of the Normal School. As Superintendent he visited



REV. ALEX. FORRESTER, D. D.

every section of the Province, and by his lectures infused a portion of his own enthusiasm into the public mind. In 1863 he visited Europe, and in 1863 the Principalship of the Normal School, by his advice, was separated from the Superintendency of Education, and as Principal of the Normal School Dr. Forrester devoted himself with renewed energy to the work. After a most successful career he died in 1869 in his 64th year. His energy, earnestness and devotion to the cause of Education will be long remembered by the people of Nova Scotia. A very suitable monument to his memory is placed in front of the Normal School, Truro, showing in one of its faces a good likeness of Dr. Forrester in the latter years of his life with the motto: "*Vir honestus insignisque.*"

1850.

The four quarterly meetings were held as usual at Masonic Hall, and under the direction of such popular office-bearers, the Society kept to the front. A large amount was disbursed by the Charity Committee to worthy applicants, and great interest was taken in the meetings. Four members were added to the Roll, viz.:

Wm. Blythe,

Duncan McMillan,

Hugh Fraser,

Wm. Finlay,

and

Alex. Cameron,

Robert Innes,

Ronald Currie,

Robert Waddell,

were elected Honorary Members.

A large amount of back dues was collected by the Committee during the year.

Three hundred copies of the By-Laws were printed at an expense of £5. The following resolution was passed at the November meeting:

"That when the interest money on Perpetual Members fees shall exceed the sum of £50, the surplus shall

be applied to the general charitable purposes of the Society."

On examining the records of the year, we find that such a drain on the Society's funds had been made by continued allowance to old pensioners, that but a small amount was available for occasional distress, the real object of the Society's charity. Long discussions ensued on this vexed question, but they appear to have been of no effect, the pensioners being still retained, they being principally widows of former members.

At the November meeting the following gentlemen were elected to rule the Society for 1851:

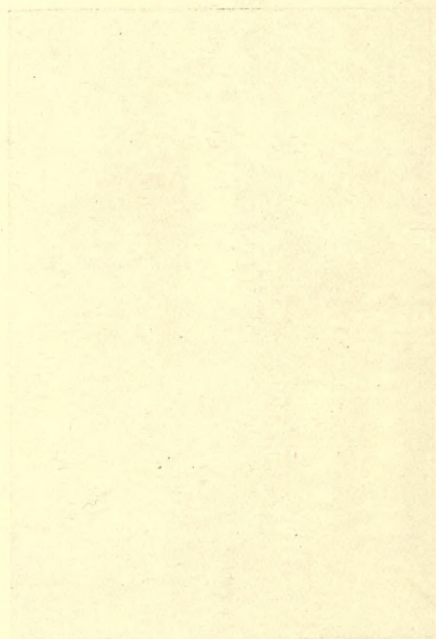
George McKenzie,	<i>President;</i>	
John Strachan,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Geo. P. Mitchell,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Donald Murray,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
Wm. Grant, Jr.,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Thos. W. McKie,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Alex. Sinclair,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
John Brander,		
Wm. Finlay,		
Robt. Boak, Jr.,		
John McIlreith,		
Wm. Grant, St.,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Jas. Reid,	} <i>Back Dues.</i>	
R. J. Mills,		
Danl. Thom,		
Jas. Reid,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers.

The Society celebrated the Festival by dining together at the Masonic Hall. About one hundred sat down to table. Geo. McKenzie, Esq., occupied the Chair, and proposed about twenty toasts. John Strachan,



GEORGE M'KENZIE





WILLIAM GRANT, SR.

Esq., ably assisted. Many eloquent responses were elicited from members and guests, and the company finally separated among the sma' hours, delighted with the entertainment and their entertainers.

Biographical Note—1850.

Geo. McKenzie, a native of Banffshire, Scotland, a good citizen of Halifax, and a man of cultivated manners and education. He was a keen curler, President of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia, and one of the greatest favorites of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He was an all-round good man in business pursuits and social life, and at all times enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow countrymen. Born 1807; died 1867.

William Grant, Sr., joined the Society in 1828, and then onward for half a century was a most important factor in our Institution. He served in every office requiring good, patient work, with zeal and success. Was Marshal for many years, and was looked up to for advice at all times in regard to the former history and working of the Society. He was a grandson of George Grant, who joined the Society in 1782, and had other connections who in several generations were loyal adherents of our charitable guild. After a long and useful life he died, greatly regretted. His son William, for many years a leading member, is now the Father of the Society.

1851.

The meetings were held as usual at Masonic Hall, and appear to have been all well attended. Over £80 was expended by the Committee of Charity, and the following were admitted ordinary members:

James Riddell,	James Watt,
Alex. J. Nairn,	George Gordon,
David Sterling,	Jas. W. Shirras,
Alex. Fraser.	

And the following were unanimously elected Honorary Members:

Dr. Reid, H.M.S. "Cumberland";
 Quarter-Master McPherson,
 Duncan Waddell,
 Wm. Beverly, and
 David Rugg.

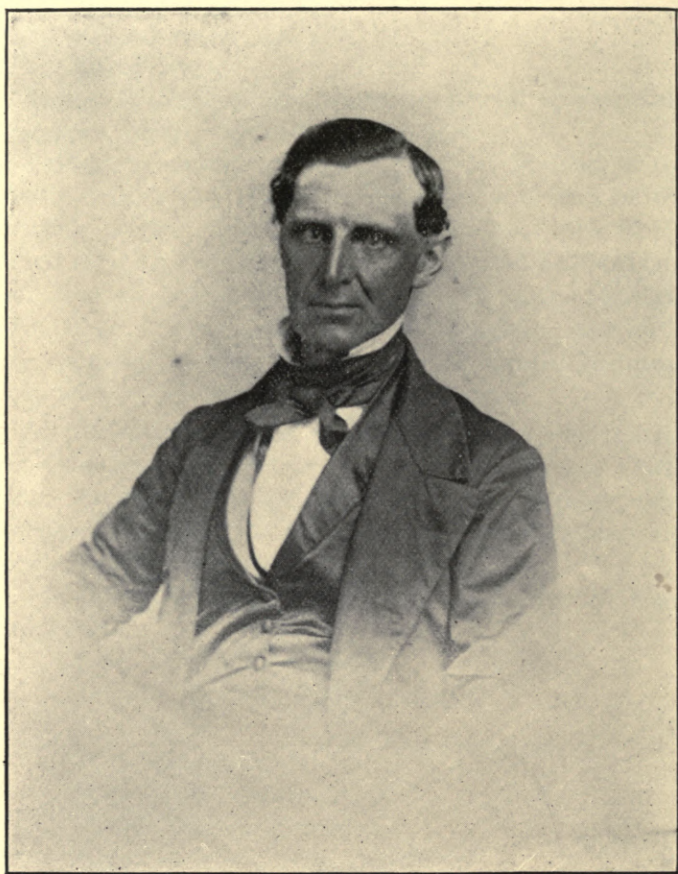
George P. Mitchell was added to the roll of Perpetual Members, paying the usual fee of £10.

During the summer a picnic, under the Banners of the North British and Highland Societies, was held at the Prince's Lodge. The procession to the boat which conveyed the party to the grounds, was a most brilliant one, and its arrangement reflected great credit on the Marshal, Wm. Grant. The picnic was most successful, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of a most beautiful day, with which the occasion was favored.

At the November meeting an interesting report from the Committee of Charity was presented by the Chairman, Archibald Sinclair, showing that several shipwrecked mariners had been forwarded to Scotland, and much distress alleviated.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

John Strachan,	<i>President;</i>	
Donald Murray,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Alex. Bain,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
Wm. Campbell,		
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
T. W. McKie,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Errol B. Boyd,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Archibald Sinclair,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Robt. Boak, Jr.,		
John McKay,		
John Grant,		
John Brander,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. John Scott,	} <i>Chaplains.</i>	
Rev. John Martin,		



JOHN STRACHAN

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th November by the annual dinner. A large and influential company sat down to a splendid table prepared by Hesslein. At 9 o'clock the President rose and said: "This Society has been requested to join in a Toast with their brethren in nearly all the principal cities in the United States and sister Colonies, which is embodied in a despatch just now received from New York, 'Brother Scots, our hands we cannot, but here's our hearts.'" It is needless to say the sentiment was drunk with enthusiasm. Speeches were delivered during the evening by Hon. Wm. Young, Col. Hillyer, Revs. John Martin and Hichbourne, and by the guest of the evening, Major Cumberland, commanding the 42nd Royal Highlanders, the splendid band of which Regiment was stationed in the Orchestra. About twenty regular toasts were given from the Chair, and the company separated shortly after twelve, well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Biographical Notes—1851.

John Strachan was a native of Aberdeen. Members of his family were in Halifax at the very commencement of its history, and were popular members of the Society back as early as 1780. Mr. Strachan was a prominent merchant in Halifax for many years, and was also a great favorite in our Society. He was a good speaker and most excellent Chairman, and held the Society well together while in the Chair.

1852.

The Society met at Masonic Hall, and but little of interest is recorded. The number of applicants for relief was unusually small, and not more than £60 was applied

to the charitable objects of the Society. During the year

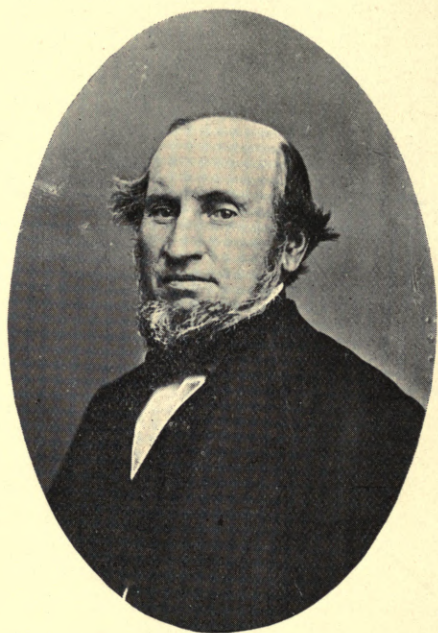
James Hunter, Wm. Rhind,
John McCulloch, Patrick Graham,
James Thomson,

were added to the Roll of ordinary members, and David Patterson was added to the Honorary List. A donation of £7 10s. was made this year by the Band and Pipers of the 42nd Highlanders toward the Charity Fund of the Society, to which a suitable acknowledgment was made by the President, through Major Cumberland, commanding the Regiment. A Highland Bonnet was also presented by the President to the Society for the use of the Piper, for which he received a vote of thanks.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected:

Donald Murray,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Grant,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Wm. M. Campbell,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
John Doull,		
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
John A. Sinclair,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
David Ross,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Arch. Sinclair,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
John Richardson,		
Wm. McKay,		
John Grant,		
John McIlreith,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. John Martin,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. J. Scott,		
Wm. Grant,	} <i>Committee for Collecting</i>	
Wm. McKay,		
Errol Boyd,		<i>Back Dues.</i>

The Society dispensed this year with the usual expensive and formal dinner, and supped sociably together on the 30th November. A numerous party sat down at Masonic Hall to a sumptuous entertainment, got up in Hesslien's best style. Donald Murray, the President,



DONALD MURRAY

presided, ably assisted by William Grant, Senr., John Doull and W. M. Campbell, Assistant Vice-Presidents. There were only two regular toasts given, St. Andrew and the Queen, but a variety of volunteer toasts followed. Songs and good fellowship helped to speed along the time until the wee sma- hours surprised the merry-makers in the height of their hilarity, and shortly after the inspiring notes of the Pibroch sounded what they never do in battle—a retreat. Altogether this social supper was a most pleasing re-union, and one of its best features was that the old maxim was kept steadily in view by all present:

“Be merry and wise.”

Biographical Notes—1852.

Donald Murray, a native of Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, born in 1810, a good citizen of Halifax, a prominent merchant, and ever foremost in all good works. His many good qualities, his genuine integrity and good will, made him generally esteemed as a splendid representative of his country. He was President of the Highland Society of Nova Scotia, a most enthusiastic curler, a grand speaker, and an honest man. His memory will be for years revered by our Society, of which he was a most genial President. Mr. Murray died in 1874.

1853.

The meetings were held at the usual place, and were all attended by a large number of members. About £100 was disbursed in charity, and the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:

William Murray, William Miller,
Rev. G. W. Sprott, John Laidlaw,

Alex. Henderson, James Findlay,
 John Sinclair, Alexander Fraser,
 Wm. Farquharson, William Wilson,
 Alexander McKay, George Inness,
 Duncan McQueen, James Irons,
 John C. Drummond, Alexander McDonald,
 And the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere,
 Capt. James A. Gore, 71st Regt.;
 Alexander Scott, Glasgow;
 John Cameron,
 were elected Honorary Members, and
 John Watt and John McKay
 were added to the Perpetual List, they making the usual
 payment of £10.

An application was made to the City Council for a
 Lot of ground in the Cemetery for the Society, when the
 following communication was received at the August
 meeting from the Council:

HALIFAX, 18th July, 1853.

SIR,—In answer to your application for the use of a
 certain portion of the Cemetery for the NORTH BRITISH
 SOCIETY, I beg leave to state that the same was referred
 to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion, and that
 opinion having been submitted to the City Council on
 Friday last, the accompanying resolution was passed.

I have the honor to be,

Yours, &c.,

JAMES S. CLARKE,
City Clerk.

TO DONALD MURRAY ESQ.,
 President NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

Resolved: That a portion of thirty feet of that part
 of the public Cemetery marked "Strangers' Burial
 Ground" in the plan, be sold to the NORTH BRITISH
 SOCIETY for the sum of £2 15s. currency, the particular
 situation to be arranged by the Cemetery Committee, the
 deed to be in the name of such persons as the Society

may appoint and entrust for the exclusive burial of such persons and strangers as the Society may bury at their expense.

JAMES S. CLARKE,
City Clerk.

William McKay and John Watt were appointed Trustees to hold the Deed for the Society, but at a special meeting called soon after, this motion was rescinded and the President and his successors appointed Trustees for the Society.

The President made a donation to the Society of the amount of the Lots, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members. The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to procure subscriptions from members for the purpose of enclosing the ground with a suitable rail and putting it in order:

GEO. ESSON,
GEO. MCKENZIE,
JOHN MUNRO.

A most interesting meeting was held in November, and after the transaction of a large amount of business, the following office-bearers were elected for 1854:

Andrew MacKinlay,	<i>President;</i>	
Charles W. Dickson,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Wm. Grant, Jr.,	} <i>Asst. Vice-Presidents;</i>	
W. M. Campbell,		
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
John A. Sinclair,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
John McCulloch,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Arch. Sinclair,	} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>	
John Richardson,		
W. A. Hesson,		
John Munro,		
Alex. McDonald,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. John Martin,	} <i>Chaplains.</i>	
Rev. John Scott,		

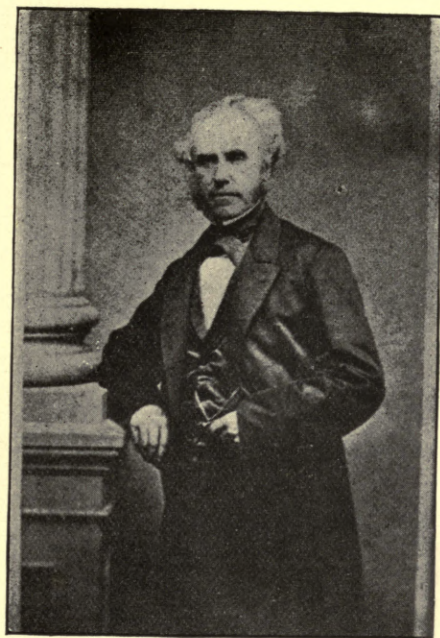
The 30th November was observed as usual by the dinner at Masonic Hall. A large number of the Society attended, and the celebration passed off happily.

Biographical Note—1853.

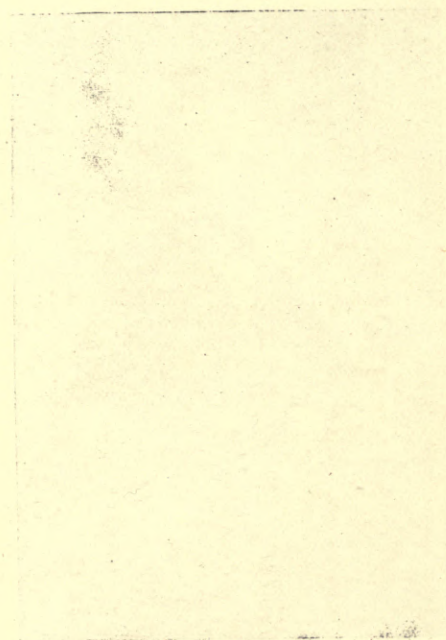
Andrew MacKinlay, a native of Stirlingshire, Scotland, was born in 1800, came to Halifax at an early age, and with his brother William engaged in the stationery business, gradually building up a most extensive and lucrative trade. Mr. MacKinlay was, during a long life, quite a literary leader in our city, and took a most active interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the Province. His wisdom and judgment were greatly esteemed, and as a Chairman of a public meeting he was unrivalled in his management of matters and timely suggestions for facilitating business. He was Custos of Halifax Co. for many years, served as Mayor, and filled many other positions of trust and importance. Mr. MacKinlay joined the Society in 1829, was elected President in 1854 and was a constant attendant during a long life at the Quarterly meetings, at which he was a favorite speaker. After a most useful life he died greatly regretted in 1867, aged 67 years.

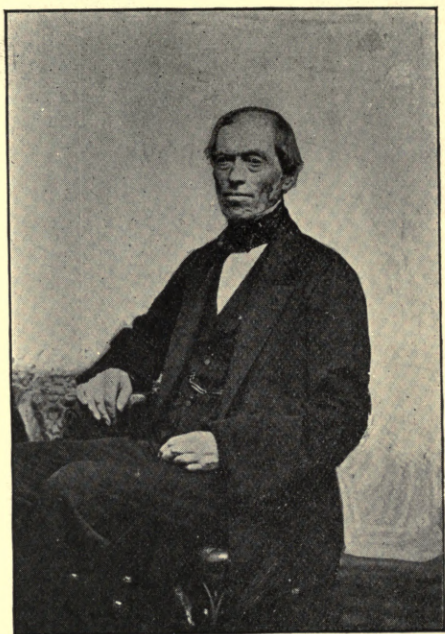
1854.

Under the guidance of such an able and popular President as Andrew MacKinlay, the Society increased in numbers and usefulness; about £90 was disbursed in charity, and among the number relieved the names of four members occur, who had long contributed to the charitable purposes of the Society. The meetings were



ANDREW MACKINLAY





JOHN WATT

largely attended, and the following gentlemen signed the Roll of ordinary members:

Jas. J. Bremner,	Jas. Wilson, Jr.,
Peter Jack,	Charles Lyle,
Chas. H. Sinclair,	John A. Johnston,
James Parker,	Donald Fraser,
W. S. Forman,	Robt. Spiers,
Wm. Currie,	James Wallace,
Wm. Sutherland,	W. A. Grant,

And

John Christie, Cape Breton, and
Capt. James Griffin

were unanimously elected honorary members. In consequence of several amendments being suggested in the report of the Committee of Charity, the following gentlemen were appointed to examine and revise the rules and by-laws previous to publication, and report during the incoming year.

Arch. Sinclair,	John Munro,
James Watt,	Adam Reid,
John Loudon Watt.	

At the annual meeting in November, which was attended by about eighty members, the Society elected the following office-bearers for 1855:

C. W. Dickson, <i>President</i> ;	
Geo. Buist, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
John A. Sinclair, <i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Doull, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Watt, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
John McCulloch, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
James Parker, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Archibald Sinclair,	} Committee of Charity.
Alexander McDonald,	
W. A. Hesson,	
Adam Reid,	
J. R. Stewart,	} Chaplains;
Rev. John Scott,	
Rev. John Martin,	
Wm. Grant, <i>Senr., Marshal</i> ;	
James Reid, <i>Messenger</i> .	

The festival was not forgotten on the 30th of Nov. About one hundred sat down, the chair being ably filled by C. W. Dickson, with Geo. Buist as Vice. The splendid band of the 76th Regiment occupied the orchestra and gave one of the best sustained concerts ever listened to in Halifax. Over twenty toasts were drank. Among them we notice the memory of Jas. Forman, Senr., given by Mr. MacKinlay, who passed a high eulogium on the deceased, declaring that Mr. Forman had not left behind him a warmer-hearted man, or a better sample of his countrymen. The company separated early next morning, all having gone on happily and satisfactorily.

1855.

The Society met as usual at Masonic Hall, and during the year the Committee of Charity distributed over £90. The following were admitted ordinary members:

John S. Maclean,	David Ross,
R. J. Romans,	Thomas Hume,
James Blair,	George McKie,
James Monteith.	

A. Stevens and James Simpson were elected Honorary Members.

A communication was this year received from Dr. Robb, of Fredericton, containing proposals for a union of all the Scottish Societies in the Colonies to draw instruction and authority from a Head Association in Scotland, or on this Continent, as might be agreed upon. The proposal was favorably received, and a Committee was appointed to examine into the matter, but from some cause the scheme, although a most laudable one, fell through.



GEORGE BUIST

Not much of interest to note this year. At the annual meeting, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers, viz.:

George Buist,	<i>President</i> ;	
John Doull,	<i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Peter Ross,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
Capt. John Taylor,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer</i> ;	
William Grant,	<i>Secretary</i> ;	
James Parker,	<i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Archibald Sinclair,		} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>
John Strachan,		
Adam Reid,		
W. A. Hesson,		
J. R. Wilson,		
Wm. Grant, Senr.,	<i>Marshal</i> ;	
Rev. John Scott,		} <i>Chaplains.</i>
Rev. John Martin,		

The anniversary was observed with all the usual honors.

A large company assembled at Mason Hall, which was beautifully decorated with appropriate devices in gas-light, banners, evergreen, etc. The Table was one of Hesslein's best efforts, and the Chairman, George Buist, was ably assisted by John Doull. About twenty toasts were given from the chair, which together with volunteer songs and sentiments, served to fill up the measure of mirth and enjoyment inseparable from the gatherings of the Society.

Biographical Note—1855.

George Buist, born in Perthshire, Scotland, 1820, and educated there, came to Halifax in 1847 to fill the position of Manager of the newly organized Gas Works. For over 30 years Mr. Buist was a most esteemed member of the Scottish community of Halifax, a leader in all good

works. Few residents of this City have had the good fortune to secure, to so large an extent, the respect and confidence of their fellows as he held. Mr. Buist joined the Society in 1848, and at once took a leading position, which he held until his death. After filling various offices he was elected President in 1856, and conducted the business of the Society most successfully. Mr. Buist was a most enthusiastic curler, a good singer, and a clear and incisive speaker. He died greatly regretted in May, 1879.

1856.

The meetings were held at Masonic Hall. A large number of members attended, and over £100 was disbursed in charity. During the year the following gentlemen were enrolled ordinary members:—

Jno. B. Campbell,	John Watson,
John P. Muir,	George Alexander,
A. K. MacKinlay,	John McKenzie,
Hugh Campbell,	Wm. F. Grant,
John Fraser,	Geo. Maclean,
John Watson,	W. B. Smellie,
J. B. MacDonald,	Thos. Annand,
R. G. Haliburton,	Robt. Fraser,
	John C. McKenzie.

And

Sergt.-Major John Campbell,
 Alexander Fraser,
 Captain Johnston,
 Duncan MacDonald,
 Donald D. Green,
 Alexander McPhee,

were elected Honorary Members.

At the May meeting, £20 was unanimously voted to the widow and family of Captain Hugh Lyle, a late member, formerly pilot of the Cunard Line of steamers, and latterly First Officer of the Collins' Steamship "Pacific," lost on her voyage between Liverpool and New York, on or about February 1st, 1856. This was acknowledged by Mrs. Lyle by note received at the November meeting. By the Report of the Committee of Charity, we notice that forty-eight persons were relieved during the year, several of the pensioner widows being of the number.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1857:

John Doull, <i>President</i> ;	
Peter Ross, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Capt. John Taylor, <i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
Wm. Annand, <i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Watt, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Alexander Scott, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
Wm. B. Smellie, <i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Arch. Sinclair,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity.</i>
Donald Murray,	
W. A. Hesson,	
Adam Reid,	
Alex. McDonald,	
Chaplains—re-elected;	
Marshal do.	
Wm. Grant, <i>Senr.</i> ,	} <i>Committee for Collecting</i> <i>Back Dues.</i>
Geo. McKenzie,	
John Richardson,	

The Festival was held at the Masonic Hall, and was the dinner of the season. Over one hundred sat down, and the whole arrangement reflected great credit on the office-bearers.

During the year the Society lost one of its Banners. It was lent for the decoration of the Province Building on the occasion of the Ball given by the citizens to the 62nd and 63rd Regiments, who arrived from the Crimea in June. It was taken from the building after the conclusion of the Ball, or some time before the next morning. Diligent search was made for it, but without success.

Biographical Note—1856.

John Doull, a leading dry-goods merchant of the City, a good citizen and a popular member of our Society. He was connected with almost every enterprise of importance in Halifax for a long number of years. At his death he was President of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He was one of the incorporators of the Society, and ever took a deep interest in its welfare. Mr. Doull was a native of Wick, Caithnessshire, Scotland, and came to Nova Scotia when only twelve years of age. At twenty he became a resident of Halifax, where he resided until his death, which took place in 1899 in his 76th year.

1857.

This year the meetings were each attended by from eighty to one hundred members. Great interest was taken in the proceedings, and the Committee of Charity disbursed £117 to sixty-two individuals. The following were added to the ordinary list during the year:

James Kerr,	James Hunter,
Adam Burns,	Peter Scott,
Robert Bauld,	Geo. Fraser,
James Fraser,	John Muir,

And the following were elected Honorary Members:

Capt. J. C. Dalrymple Hay, H.M.S. "Indus,"
 David Johnston,
 John Blackie,
 Spencer Sutherland.



JOHN DOULL

A magnificent Ball was given by the Society on the 10th February, which was attended by a large company, which included the elite of the city. One of the workmen, while engaged in decorating the room for the occasion, fell to the floor of Masonic Hall, and sustained serious injury. At the next Quarterly meeting the Society unanimously voted him ten pounds.

The thanks of the Society were voted at the November meeting to the Committee of Charity for their services during the year, they having had many applications to inquire into and relieve. The following office-bearers were elected at this meeting for the ensuing year:

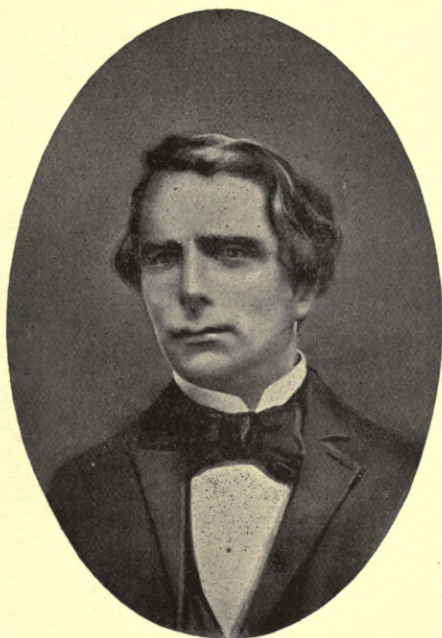
Peter Ross,	<i>President;</i>	
Capt. John Taylor,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
Wm. Annand,	<i>Senr. Vice-President;</i>	
Wm. Murray,	<i>Junr. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
W. B. Smellie,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
John B. Campbell,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Donald Murray,		} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Geo. McKenzie,		
J. P. Muir,		
John Brander,		
John McIlreith,		
Chaplains—re-elected.		

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated on the 30th November, by the usual dinner at Masonic Hall. About one hundred sat down to a capital table, and the toasts and sentiments were of the most enlivening and inspiring character. On the list we notice that the Scot's Society of Boston, that day celebrating their 200th anniversary, was honored by being remembered on this occasion.

Biographical Notes—1857.

John Mackintosh, who joined the Society in 1833, was born in Invernesshire in 1806, and came out to this country early in the century, and for a time was in the employ of his uncle, the Honorable James Fraser, whose record adorns the annals of the Society. John Mackintosh was a patriotic and loyal-hearted Scot, and he was widely known and universally esteemed and loved, not only by his fellow countrymen, but by all who knew him. No one ever found him otherwise than kind and liberal and ready to aid every good cause. He was a man of sterling integrity in all his relations of life, and with the firmness of a Scotchman he mingled the warm-heartedness of the Highlander, all combining to make him a true representative of the Scottish character.

Mr. Mackintosh was for many years a leading member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, with whose aims he was in full accord. When the disruption took place in the Kirk of Scotland in 1843, he espoused the cause of the "Free Kirk," and became one of the leaders of the movement, not only in Halifax, but with his pen and personal influence he forwarded the interests of the new Church all over the Province, especially in Cape Breton and in Pictou, where the Free Kirk had its greatest successes in Canada. His name was found on her College Boards, her Publication Committees, her School Committees, and in every branch of the so-called secular work of the Church his influence was felt. As a friend to the students of the Free Church College who came from the Scottish families of Cape Breton, his kindness and helpfulness were greatly appreciated, especially among those whose mother tongue was the pure Gaelic of their forefathers. Mr. Mackintosh died March 18th, 1857, leaving a fragrant memory behind him, and best of all, leaving a good name to his children, who have taken their place in the business, political and social life of the community.



JOHN MACKINTOSH



PETER ROSS

Peter Ross, born at Halifax, 1820, son of Patrick Ross, a well-known merchant of the City, whose father, Alex. Ross, joined the Society in 1774, was for many years a most active member, having joined the Society in 1846. Served for a long period on Committee of Charity and in other offices, was one of the incorporators of the Society in 1856, and elected President 1868; became a Perpetual Member 1862. He will be long remembered for his active interest in the Society's advancement, and was the means of making large additions to the Roll of members.

1858.

This year was an important one in the annals of the Society as much business was transacted and the meetings were well attended.

At the February meeting the Committee appointed to take steps towards incorporating the Society reported, and the draft of act of incorporation prepared by Hon. Wm. Young, was unanimously approved of, and that gentleman requested to introduce the same into the Legislature during the session. This was done, and the Society was incorporated in the name of the office-bearers and members and their successors, under the Rules passed on November 7th, 1833. The Committee of Charity during the year distributed £117 to over forty applicants. The following were added to the Roll of members:

Robert Penton,	Jas S. Hutton,
John Campbell,	Wm. Fraser,
and	
David Hunter,	John Ross,
	Geo. Laing

were unanimously elected Honorary Members. Three hundred copies of the Rules with names of members and

list of office-bearers were printed, the most complete set that has yet been issued. During the year the question of the Banner lost in 1856 was brought up, when it was decided to replace it by private subscription.

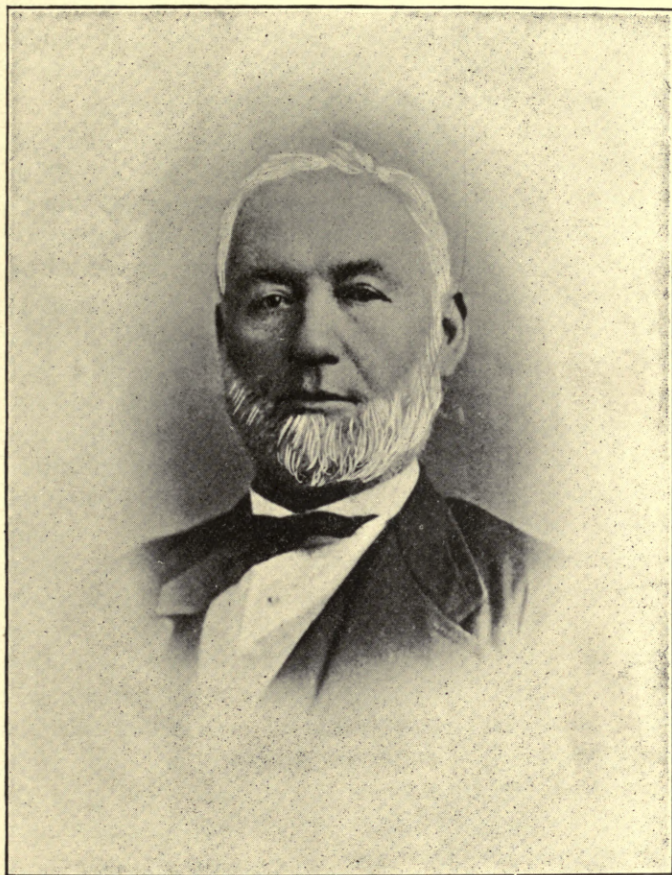
At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Capt. John Taylor,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Annand,	<i>Vice- President;</i>	
Wm. Murray,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Alex. Scott,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
John B. Campbell,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Charles W. Dickson,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
John McIlreith,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
J. P. Muir,		
John Brander,		
John Bayne,		
Thos. Bayne,		
Rev. John Scott,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. John Martin,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Jas. Reid,	<i>Messenger;</i>	
D. Murray,	} <i>Back Dues.</i>	
Jas. Kerr,		
J. J. Bremner,		

A vote of thanks was passed to the Secretaries, W. B. Smellie and J. B. Campbell, for their attention during the past year.

Biographical Note—1858.

Capt. John Taylor was a native of Montrose, Scotland, a good member of the Society, of urbane manner and splendid physique. The impression he made was that of a whole-souled and worthy Scotchman. He enjoyed much popularity in the City for many years, and was ever alive to the interests of our Society.



CAPT. JOHN TAYLOR

1859.

Under the guidance of such an able staff of officers as those elected to govern the Society for this year, the business was well attended to, and marked progress is perceptible in the affairs of the Institution.

The 100th anniversary of the natal day of Scotland's National Poet, was celebrated with all honor by the Society. Long looked for, the arrival of the day did not find the Society asleep. About half-past 2 p.m., the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, joined by the Highland Society and by Scotchmen and their descendants, to the number of about three hundred, marched in procession from Masonic Hall to Temperance Hall, which was at once filled with about 1,600 persons. The Chair was filled by Chief Justice Halliburton, a member of the Society, who introduced the Hon. Wm. Young, who delivered an oration which occupied an hour and a half in delivery, and was received throughout with very enthusiastic applause. At 6 p.m., the members and guests assembled at Mason Hall, and partook of a magnificent dinner, served up in Nichols' best style. The Hon. Wm. Young presided. On his right His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, on his left Col. Dick. Capt. J. Taylor filled the Vice Chair. Over twenty toasts were drunk with unbounded enthusiasm by the company, which numbered about 300. At 10 o'clock the toasts of the evening were given by the Chairman, at which hour the Society had been requested to join with their countrymen engaged in celebrating the day in New York and elsewhere, in drinking to the following: "Kindred Associations throughout the world; may they preserve the songs and disseminate the sentiments of Burns, till

'Man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be and a' that.'"

This was followed by speeches from the Earl of Mulgrave, Hon. J. W. Johnston, and other distinguished

guests, and the company finally broke up at 1 a.m., after a most joyous dinner, thus completing the most successful celebration yet held in Halifax. The cost was large, but was partially defrayed by liberal subscriptions from members. Great credit is due to the office-bearers, but particularly to the Secretary, for the success which crowned the celebration.

Over £130 was expended in charity by the Committee this year, and the following members acquired:

ORDINARY:

Robert Muirhead,	George R. Anderson,
Robert Gray,	David Crawford,
Jas. C. Mackintosh,	Andrew Wallace,
William Henry,	Robt. Urquhart,

HONORARY:

William Miller,	David Petrie,
James Matheson,	John McGregor,
Wm. Murray.	

PERPETUAL:

Geo. Esson,	Hon. Stayley Brown.
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The thanks of the Society were passed to Wm. Cunard for his kindness in transmitting two poor Scotchmen to their native land at a reduced rate of passage, thereby greatly assisting the Committee of Charity in their duties. Over £113 was collected in dues from members present at the Quarterly Meetings, showing that they were all largely attended.

At the November meeting the following were appointed office-bearers for 1860:

W. B. Smellie, *President*;
 John A. Sinclair, *Vice-President*;
 Jno. B. Campbell, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 George MacLean, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
 John Watt, *Treasurer*;
 Andrew K. MacKinlay, *Secretary*;
 James Wilson, *Asst. Secretary*;

Thomas Bayne,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John P. Muir,		
John Brander,		
George Alexander,		
James Rhind,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. John Scott,		
Rev. John Martin,		
Wm. Grant, <i>Marshal;</i>		
James Reid, <i>Messenger.</i>		

The thanks of the Society were given to the Secretary for his services during the past year.

The Festival was duly honored on the 30th November. The Society, with a large number of guests, dined together at the Masonic Hall. The Earl of Mulgrave and other distinguished persons were present, and it, like all its predecessors, passed off happily, and with honor to the Society.

1860.

The Quarterly meetings were well attended at the usual place, Masonic Hall. During the year about £65 was disbursed in charity, there not being the usual number of applicants.

The following were elected, and signed the Roll of ordinary members:

Henry W. Fish,	John Davison,
James Malcom,	James Romans,
Dr. W. H. Davies,	John Drillio,
Donald Ross,	Dr. Cowie,
Alexander McLeod,	William Mason,
J. W. Fraser,	

and Malcolm McDougall, of Bras d'Or Lake, C.B., was elected an Honorary Member.

The Society turned out in strength to line the streets on the landing of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, July 30th. At a special meeting, held previous to the occasion, a silk Union Jack was handed to the Society by James Kerr, the expense of which had been defrayed by private subscription. Mr. Kerr received the unanimous thanks of the Society for his exertions in providing this Banner.

The Society received the thanks of J. C. Halliburton and family for the respect shown by the members on the occasion of the funeral of the late Chief Justice Halliburton, an old and respected member, they having attended in large numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

A letter having appeared in the *Acadian Recorder* of July 21st, reflecting on the character of the President, who had lately been in difficulty with the Government in regard to matters connected with the Railway Department, led to the following resolution being passed by the Society at the August meeting. Moved by Capt. Taylor, seconded and passed unanimously, that

“*Whereas* in a communication signed ‘A North Britisher, published in the *Acadian Recorder* of the 21st ult., reflections have been cast upon the President and members of this Society, and *Whereas*, the members of this Society feel it due to themselves as a body to refute the vile insinuations contained in that communication, *Therefore Resolved*, that this meeting express the indignation felt at the appearance of said letter, that the statements therein contained are false, and their belief that the writer thereof is not, or worthy to become, a member of this Society, and this meeting is happy to have an opportunity of expressing its high appreciation of the talents and character of their young and able President, and of proving the writer of the above-mentioned com-

munication a vile slanderer. *Further Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing be sent to the *Acadian Recorder* for publication."

At the Annual Meeting the following office-bearers were elected for 1861:

John A. Sinclair,	<i>President</i> ;	
John B. Campbell,	<i>Vice-President</i> ;	
Geo. MacLean,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
James Thomson,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President</i> ;	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Robt. Gray,	<i>Secretary</i> ;	
J. C. Mackintosh,	<i>Asst. Secretary</i> ;	
Geo. Alexander,	} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>	
James Rhind,		
James Hunter,		
James Kerr,		
Rev. John Scott,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;	
Rev. John Martin,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal</i> ;	
Jas. Reid,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

The Festival was celebrated by the usual dinner at Mason Hall. About eighty gentlemen present. Presided over by

J. A. Sinclair, *Chairman*;
J. B. Campbell, *Vice-Chairman*;

The evening was spent happily by all present, and was in every way a pleasant re-union; speeches, songs and sentiment occupied the time until the parting toast of "Our Next Merry Meeting" separated the company at about 1 a.m.

Biographical Note—1860.

John A. Sinclair, born at Halifax, 1822, son of Archibald Sinclair, who filled the Chair in 1835. He was educated in Halifax, and was for many years a member of the firm of Alex McLeod & Co.; Mayor of Halifax twice, and filled other important positions. He joined the Society in 1845, and after serving as Secretary and other junior offices, was elected President, 1861. He was a man of pleasing personality, and a great favorite in the Society.

1861.

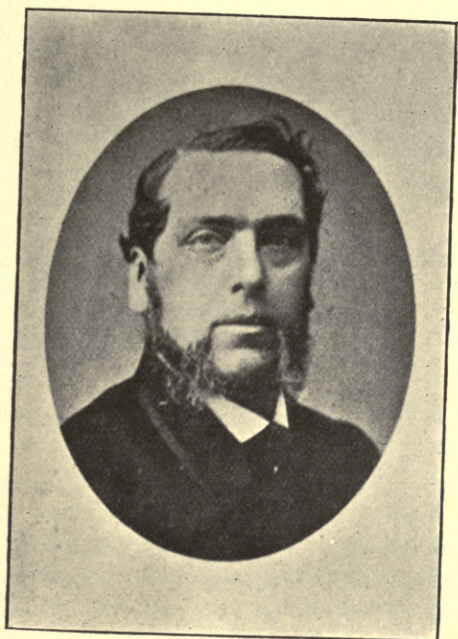
But little of interest to record this year. The meetings were held at Masonic Hall, and about £100 were distributed by the Committee of Charity.

In August, a magnificent picnic, under the auspices of the Society, was held at Bedford, which was attended by an immense number of citizens.

James Mackintosh, Jas. S. Macdonald,
were admitted ordinary members, and

James Davy, Alex. McDonald,
were elected honorary members.

At the annual meeting the Committee of Charity brought in an interesting Report, in which they brought prominently forward the necessity of the large amount of back dues now accumulated on the books being collected. They recommended that some member of the Society be appointed collector, and receive a commission for the same. The report was received and adopted.



JOHN A. SINCLAIR



At this meeting, which was well attended, the following were elected office-bearers for 1862:

George McKenzie,	<i>President;</i>	
George Alexander,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
James Hunter,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Dr. W. H. Davies,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
J. C. Mackintosh,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
Thomas Bayne,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Dr. W. H. Davies,		
James Rhind,		
James Kerr,		
John S. Maclean,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. John Scott,		
Rev. John Martin,		
William Grant, Senr.,		<i>Marshal;</i>
John Patterson,		<i>Messenger.</i>

The festival of St. Andrew was duly observed by the usual diner at Masonic Hall. George McKenzie, President, in the Chair, Geo. Alexander, Vice-President. Owing to various causes the members did not attend in any great number. But the fact is that large set formal public dinners are not as much in unison with the feeling of the Society as in days gone by. And although the office-bearers who had charge of the Festival were all popular gentlemen, still the dinner was not by any means a success.

Biographical Note—1861.

John Watt, one of our most useful and distinguished members, was born at Banff in 1795. He came to Halifax in 1825 and opened out in business as a tobacconist on Bedford Row. He was afterwards joined by his brother James, and together they conducted a most lucrative

and extensive trade. Mr. Watt was ever a warm-hearted and genial Scotsman. He joined the Society in 1829, worked faithfully on various Committees, and on resignation of Alex. Fiddes in 1836, was elected Treasurer, an office he held until old age and infirmities induced him to resign in 1866, after a long term of thirty years' faithful service in that office. In 1853 he was elected a Perpetual Member, and died in 1890, greatly regretted. At the time of his decease he had attained the position of being the Father of the Society.

1862.

At the February meeting a case without precedent in the annals of the Society occurred. Letters from George McKenzie and George Alexander, President and Vice-President of the Society, were read, tendering the resignation of their offices, on account of the members not giving them that support that was desirable in carrying out the arrangements of last Festival. This was the cause of great regret to the large meeting assembled, as these gentlemen had been unanimously elected to their offices. Considerable discussion ensued, when it was finally resolved and passed that their resignations be accepted. The Society then proceeded to elect members to fill their places, when James Thomson was unanimously elected President, and John P. Muir Vice-President, for the remainder of the year.

A special meeting was called in June, to consider the propriety of raising a sum of money to aid in erecting a monument to H.R.H. the late Prince Consort, a communication having been received from the Scottish Association, also a printed circular letter from the Duke of Bucclough, on the same subject. After due consideration it was decided advisable not to open a subscrip-

tion, it being the opinion of the Society that any effort for such a purpose should be made with a view to the erection of a monument in Nova Scotia rather than in Edinburgh.

During the year the following ordinary members were admitted:

E. M. Macdonald, John McDonald,
Wm. Murray (2nd), John H. Johnston,
John MacKay, Alex. MacKenzie,

Peter Ross became a Perpetual Member by the payment of the usual fee of £10.

At the Annual Meeting the Committee of Charity brought in their report to the effect that over £90 had been applied to the carrying out of the objects of the Institution. The following were elected office-bearers for 1863:

Dr. W. H. Davies, *President*;
Geo. MacLean, *Vice-President*;
Dr. Cowie, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
John Kerr, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;
John Watt, *Treasurer*;
Jas. S. Macdonald, *Secretary*;
Wm. Murray, 2nd, *Asst. Secretary*;
Wm. Grant, Senr., *Marshal*;
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains*;
Rev. John Scott, }
John S. McLean,
Peter Ross, }
John Watson, } *Committee of Charity*;
W. B. Smellie, }
A. Stephen, }
John Patterson, *Messenger*.

The Festival was not forgotten. A social supper was held at the Halifax Hotel, which was well attended.

Dr. W. H. Davies, *Chairman*;
Geo. McLean, *Vice-Chairman*.

The usual patriotic and loyal toasts were drunk, and the company broke up at 1 p.m., well pleased with the social manner in which the anniversary had been celebrated.

Biographical Notes—1862.

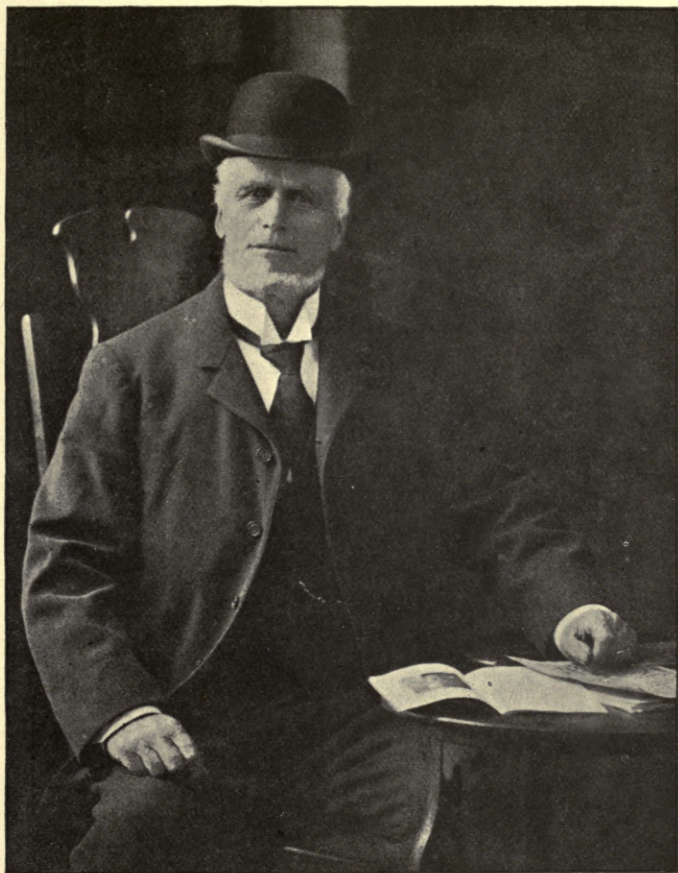
John McDonald, a native of this Province, of Scotch descent; born in 1840, came to this City at an early age, and for many years has been the practical and experienced head of the City Street and Water Department, in which he has given most satisfactory service. Mr. McDonald joined the Society in 1862, and for many years has been a valued and active Chairman of the Committee of Charity. His tact, modesty and attention has been of great service to the Committee, and his popularity with our members and his extensive acquaintance with the City, have made him perhaps better fitted for the position of an executive member for the oversight of the distribution of the Committee's funds than any former occupant of the office.

Dr. W. H. Davies, for many years a leading practitioner in this City. In 1870 he left Halifax to reside in California.

1863.

The place of meeting was changed this year from the Masonic Hall to the Halifax Hotel, as being more convenient for members, and in every way better adapted for the purpose; about £100 was disbursed in charity, and the following admitted ordinary members:

Robert Breckin,	Neil Wier,
James Fraser,	Henry Inglis,
Geo. Porter,	Donald Fraser,



JOHN M'DONALD

W. S. More, an ordinary member of the Society, was placed, by his own request, on the Honorary list, and Jas. Forman became a Perpetual Member by the payment of £10.

On the 14th of April, a most enthusiastic celebration was held in the City in honor of the Prince of Wales' marriage. A meeting of the various societies was held and a Committee from each was drafted to prepare an address to deliver to the Lieutenant-Governor, the Earl of Mulgrave, for transmission to their Royal Highnesses. The Committee met, when the Address prepared by the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was unanimously adopted, and on the 14th inst. the National Societies, headed by the NORTH BRITISH, marched in procession to Government House, where the Address, neatly engrossed and ornamented on parchment was delivered to the Lieutenant Governor by the President, W. H. Davies, M.D. The Address adopted as before noticed, was ordered to be entered upon the records, and read as follows:

"Congratulatory Address presented by the North British St. George's, Carpenters, and Charitable Irish Societies, to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his marriage with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark, March 10th, 1863, delivered for transmission to His Royal Highness on the day of celebration held April 14th, 1863, at Halifax."

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

"We, the Presidents and Secretaries, on behalf of the North British, St. George's, Carpenters' and Charitable Irish Societies, approach your Royal Highness with our sincere congratulations on the occasion of your marriage with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

"In common with Her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, we have received with unbounded satisfaction the tidings of your recent nuptials. We sincerely hope that the event may

be crowned with every happiness, and that the Great Giver of all Good may vouchsafe to your Royal Highness and your amiable Princess a long and unbroken career of conjugal felicity.

“Recognizing in your Royal Highness the hope and stay of the Crown, this event so intimately connected with your future welfare, could not, on our part, be allowed to pass without some expression of heartfelt attachment to the Government under which we have the happiness to live, and we therefore beg to renew, in this address, our warm loyalty to your Royal Mother’s person and family, and to assure your Royal Highness that we continue to cherish that faithful adherence to the throne which has ever distinguished our colony. We hail the present joy, as the harbinger of that happiness which may be expected to characterise your life, and fervently hope that generations yet unborn may refer to this event, as a bright era in the annals of the British Empire.”

“Signed on behalf of the different Societies by the Presidents and Secretaries.”

At the Annual Meeting, the following were elected office-bearers for 1864:

Capt. John Taylor,	<i>President;</i>	
James Kerr,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
George Alexander,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Johnston,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
James S. Macdonald,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
Wm. Murray,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>	
J. S. MacLean,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Alexander Stephen,		
Peter Ross,		
Duncan Grant,		
George Esson,		
Wm. Grant,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. John Martin,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. John Scott,		
Alexander Stephen,	} <i>Back Dues.</i>	
James Kerr,		
John McDonald,		

A social supper was held on the anniversary of St. Andrew, at Halifax Hotel; about fifty sat down. The table did credit to the host, Hesslein, and the evening was spent with great satisfaction by those present. Capt. John Taylor filled the Chair, with Geo. McKenzie as Vice. Several capital speeches were made, and many songs and sentiments given, and the company finally broke up at 1 p. m., all delighted with the social character of the entertainment.

1864.

This year we notice the meetings were well attended, and were held at the Halifax Hotel. About £70 was disbursed by the Charity Committee, and the following were admitted Ordinary Members:

Charles Graham,	Hon. James McDonald,
Hugh Murray,	James Steinson,
Adam McKay,	Rev. George M. Grant,

The Society, on April 11th, the Tri-Centenary of the birth of Shakespeare, joined with the St. George's Society, by request, in the procession to Temperance Hall, where an oration was delivered by the Hon. Joseph Howe, on the genius of Shakespeare. The Society turned out well on this occasion, and were joined by the Scottish Volunteers and Caledonia Club, which helped to give the Scottish body a very creditable and brilliant appearance in the procession.

At the Annual Meeting the death of the Rev. John Scott, for many years one of the Chaplains of the Society, was announced, and a motion of the Society's deep regret

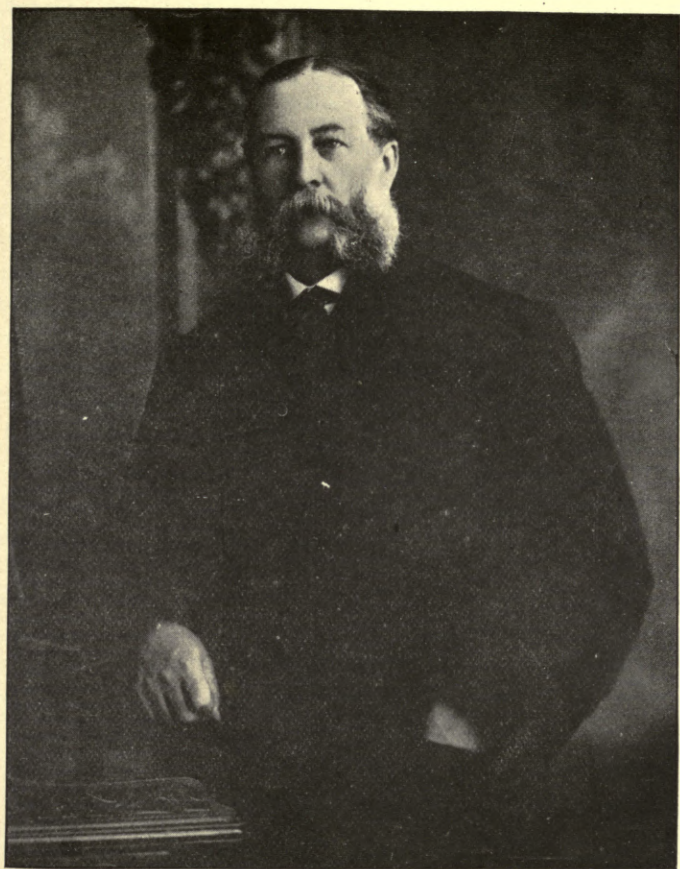
ordered to be recorded. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

John S. Maclean,	<i>President;</i>
John Johnston,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Alexander Stephen,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
John Tavor,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>
John Watt,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
James S. Macdonald,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Hugh Murray,	<i>Asst. Secretary;</i>
Robert Breckin,	<i>Marshal;</i>
Rev. John Martin,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
George McKenzie,	} <i>Back Dues;</i>
Alexander Stephen,	
The Secretary,	
Peter Ross,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John S. McLean,	
George Buist,	
John Gibson,	
John Johnston,	
John Patterson,	<i>Messenger.</i>

The Festival was not observed this year by the Society, although many members joined with the Caledonia Club in a social supper on the 30th, at which the retiring President, Capt. John Taylor, was Chairman.

Biographical Note—1864.

John S. Maclean, a leading citizen, a prominent merchant and worthy member of our Society, was for many years in the front rank of our Committee of Charity. He was of excellent address, and was in every way a good reputable Scotchman. He held about every office of importance in several institutions, and was at his death President of the Bank of Nova Scotia, President of the Y.M.C.A., and leader in other important organizations. He died in 1889 in his 61st year.



JOHN S. MACLEAN

1865.

Meetings held at Halifax Hotel during the year. The deaths of three most distinguished members was announced:

Hon. Alex. Stewart, C.B.,

William Grant, Senr.,

Rev. John Martin,

The Committee of Charity expended about £90 in relieving the widow pensioners of the Society and in forwarding several shipwrecked Scotchmen to their friends. John McDonald was elected an Ordinary Member, and John Drillio, an Ordinary Member, now residing in Maitland, was placed on the Honorary List. A communication was received from Vice-Admiral Sir James Hope, K.C.B., enclosing a donation of £5 sterling, with a request that his name be added to the Roll of the Society, which was carried into effect at the February meeting, by his being unanimously elected an Honorary Member. At the May meeting the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, pastor of St. Matthew's, and Rev. W. Maxwell, pastor of Chalmers Church, were unanimously elected joint Chaplains, the offices having become vacant by the recent deaths of Rev. John Martin and Rev. John Scott, who for a long term of years had been annually elected to these honorary positions by the Society. At the Annual Meeting in November the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

John B. Campbell, *President*;

Alex. Stephen, *Vice-President*;

James C. Mackintosh, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

James Scott, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

John Watt, *Treasurer*;

Hugh Murray, *Secretary*;

James Steinson, *Asst. Secretary*;

Robert Breckin, *Marshal*;

Rev. Geo. M. Grant,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. Wm. Maxwell,		
Geo. Alexander,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John S. Maclean,		
George Buist,		
George Esson,		
J. A. Sinclair,		
Alexander Stephen,	}	<i>Back Dues;</i>
George McKenzie,		
Hugh Murray,		
Peter Ross,	}	<i>Cemetery Committee;</i>
John A. Sinclair,		
George Buist,		
John Gibson,		
J. H. Johnston,	}	<i>Pipers.</i>
John Patterson,		
John McKenzie,		

festes but little interest in the observance of the Festival of St. Andrew, it was decided by the office-bearers that, to meet the wishes of the Society, the Annual Dinner would not be held this year as heretofore.

Biographical Note—1865.

John B. Campbell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1830, came to Halifax in 1852, and after a term at Banking, commenced in the West India Line with John S. Maclean, and for a number of years conducted a most lucrative business. Mr. Campbell was a most useful public man, and took a leading place in the Militia Artillery of the City. He was Captain of the Halifax Artillery Company, and was one of the first to join the Scottish Volunteers in 1859. Mr. Campbell connected himself with the Society in 1856, and was elected to the Chair in 1866. His term of office was marked by great enthusiasm in the affairs of the Institution. He died greatly lamented in 1866.



JOHN B. CAMPBELL

1866.

The records of this year possess more than common interest. The Society was the recipient of a large bequest. It acquired a large number of Ordinary and Perpetual Members, and it extended the hand of welcome as a Society to a body of Scottish immigrants. At its head was a gentleman who had been for many years a distinguished member.

During the year the Committee of Charity disbursed the usual amount to applicants, and the following were elected Ordinary Members:

Robt. T. Muir,	James Maccoush,
George McGregor,	Benjamin A. Taylor,
John Crook,	Thos. S. Reid,

And the following gentlemen became Perpetual Members by paying £10:

John C. Halliburton,
Robert W. Fraser,
John B. Campbell,
Alexander McLeod,
Thomas Bayne,
James Thomson, Barrister;
William Esson,
Alexander Anderson.

It having been brought to the notice of the Society that a number of Scottish immigrants would arrive early in the summer by ship *Dr. Kane*, the President called a meeting of members to take the matter into consideration. A large number attended, and the following resolution passed unanimously:

“*Resolved*, That the President and office-bearers be requested to wait upon the Scottish immigrants now expected by the ship *Dr. Kane* on their arrival at this port, and on behalf of the Society to tender them a hearty

welcome to Nova Scotia, and offer them any assistance or advice that they may require, and that the Society is capable of giving."

On the arrival of the *Dr. Kane*, the President and office-bearers waited upon the immigrants as directed, and the President, in the name of the Society, delivered the following welcome:

"Fellow Countrymen,—Several members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, having learned that a number of Scottish immigrants were expected to arrive here shortly, addressed a requisition to me, as President of the Society, to call a special meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done on your arrival to assure you that you would find friends on this side of the Atlantic. I have now much pleasure in reading to you the resolution unanimously adopted at that meeting. We, the office-bearers of the Society, have therefore, in accordance with that resolution, come to give you a hearty greeting to our shores. We are sure that you will not find yourselves entirely as strangers in a strange land, for nearly one-half of the population of this Province is Scottish or of Scottish descent; and it is in no boasting spirit that we say that their wealth, social position and moral standing is at least in true proportion to their numbers. Those who have hitherto come from Scotland, brought with them the intelligence, energy and religious spirit that characterized their forefathers, and which has made every country glad to welcome them as citizens. We are sure that the same national virtues still animate all true Scotchmen, and in this country they produce material prosperity as a necessary result. We have only to add that this resolution is no mere form, that you will find everywhere 'leal-hearted' friends and remunerative employment, and that should there be any necessity for active assistance of any kind, the office-bearers of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY will not be slow to render it."

The immigrants were all found to be in comfortable circumstances, and were highly gratified at this mark of attention by the Society.

At the Annual Meeting in November, which was attended by a large number of members, the following interesting communication was made by the President. That he had received a letter from Charles Murdoch, Esq., addressed to him as President, informing him that the late William Murdoch had bequeathed to the Society the sum of "one thousand pounds," and that the mortgage for that amount would be handed to the Society, dated August 31st, 1856. The following extract from the Declaration of Trust was then read:

Extract.—"*Whereas* William Murdoch, of London, Great Britain, but formerly of Halifax, merchant, in and by his last will and testament, directed his executors, or the survivors of them, to invest in real security by way of mortgage on Government stock, of funds of Great Britain or Ireland, or the United States of America, the sum of one thousand pounds, and to assign and transfer the same to the office-bearers of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, in order that the annual income thereof might be disposed of by the Committee of Charity to the poor, under the rules of the Society."

(Signed)

CHARLES MURDOCH.

To the office-bearers of the
NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

The Society, to show their appreciation of this magnificent bequest, appointed a Committee to prepare a minute for record, a copy of which was sent to the Executors, and which reads as follows:

"The NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY had brought before its notice that a legacy of one thousand pounds had been left to it by the late William Murdoch, that the interest accruing therefrom might be available annually to supplement its funds and enable it the better to carry out

its objects, hereby records its grateful acceptance of the same and its appreciation of the motives that prompted the generous donor.

"They look upon this as an additional proof of the excellence of such a Society as the NORTH BRITISH—of the hold it has upon Scotchmen who have resided in Halifax, and of the faithfulness with which its charities have been administered."

Wm. Murdoch was himself long a member, was once its President, and was thoroughly acquainted with its practical working. The name of William Murdoch will therefore be long honored by the Society. At this meeting a letter from John Watt, Treasurer, was received tendering the resignation of his office in consequence of failing health. This was received with great regret by the Society, as Mr. Watt had held the office for many years, with satisfaction to the Society. After the expression of the same by many present, the following minute was ordered to be recorded: "The Society having heard with much regret the intention of our worthy Treasurer, John Watt, to resign his office on account of failing health, in accepting his resignation, beg to tender their warmest thanks for his long and valuable services of twenty-nine years as Treasurer, and also their sincere sympathy with him in his present illness."

During the year the Society's lots in the cemetery were enclosed with a handsome iron rail. A Committee had been appointed from year to year since 1853, for that purpose without effect, and it was finally accomplished by the exertions of John H. Johnston, a member of the Committee last appointed. The work was approved of by the Society at the Annual Meeting, which decided to defray the cost, about £115, by devoting a portion of the accumulated interest in the Savings Bank, arising from the Perpetual Members' fees. The vote was reconsidered at a special meeting called for that purpose, but



ROBERT W. FRASER

after ample discussion it was confirmed by a large majority.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected for 1867:

Alex. Stephen, *President*;

James Hunter, *Vice-President*;

E. M. McDonald, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

Staff-Capt. Robt. Breckin, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

James J. Bremner, *Treasurer*;

Hugh Murray, *Secretary*;

James Steinson, *Asst. Secretary*;

George Porter, *Marshal*;

Rev. Wm. Maxwell, *Chaplain*;

John S. Maclean,

John B. Campbell,

Rev. Geo. Grant,

George Alexander,

George McKenzie,

John Patterson,

John McKenzie,

John Patterson, *Messenger*.

} *Committee of Charity*;

} *Pipers*;

At this meeting it was unanimously passed, "That any member being over sixty years of age, and a member of the Society for twenty years, be exempt from the payment of dues."

The Festival of St. Andrew was this year passed over unnoticed.

Biographical Notes—1866.

Robt. W. Fraser, born in Nova Scotia, 1820, of Scottish parentage. Was in business in flour in this City for many years, and in 1852 was appointed Consul of the United States for Halifax. He joined the Society in 1848, and for over a half century was a most useful and loyal member. In 1866 he became a Perpetual Member, and died, to the great regret of the Society, in 1903, aged 84 years.

Rev. Charles Macdonald was born at Pitsligo, Scotland, in 1828. Professor of Mathematics at Dalhousie College from 1863 to 1901. Joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in 1866, and for many years was an active member of the Institution. He was a man of charming personality, and his thorough Scottish character and pleasing address made him many friends among his countrymen. To the great regret of Halifax generally, he died in 1901 in his 73rd year.

Alex. Stephen, a native of Rothes, Scotland; for many years a foremost and favorite citizen of Halifax. He was long connected with our Society and will be remembered for his good work as member and Chairman of the Committee of Charity. He ever enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brother members, and died greatly lamented in 1884. He was President in 1867 and elected a Perpetual Member 1879.

1867.

The meetings were all well attended, and held at the Halifax Hotel. A large amount was disbursed in charity, and the following became Ordinary Members:

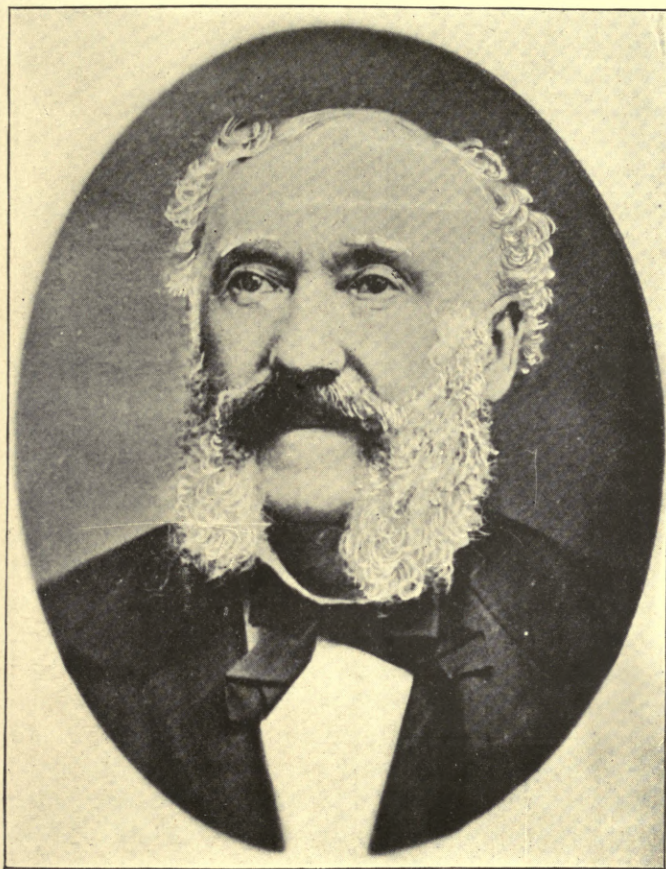
William A. McLeod,	James White,
Angus McLeod,	John Sutherland,
Alexander McDonald,	William Johnson,
John McNee,	Robert Moyce,
Simon D. Macdonald,	Duncan Campbell,
Hugh Munro,	John A. Grant,
Douglas McLeod,	Dr. Sutherland,

Rev. Charles M. Grant.

John Crerar was elected an Honorary Member, and Alexander K. Doull and Adam Burns became Perpetual Members, by paying £10.



PROF. CHAS. MACDONALD



ALEX. STEPHEN, SR.

At the May meeting the Treasurer, by request, furnished a statement of the finances of the Society to date:

In Savings Bank, Perpetual Members' Fees....\$ 849.93

On property of the late W. H. Wyldman,

at 6 per cent. interest..... 1800.00

" " Mrs. Slayter ... 1400.00

" " Peter Laughlan..... 2000.00

" " George Brown 600.00

May 2nd, 1867.

\$6,649.93

(Signed)

J. J. BREMNER,

Treasurer.

At the November meeting a letter was received from D. Kennedy, the Scottish Vocalist, who had recently visited the City, and had been specially patronized by the Society, enclosing a donation of £5 to the Charity Fund.

Previous to the Annual Meeting, a number of members waited upon the Hon. Chief Justice Young, to tender him the Chair of the Society for the ensuing year, in view of the celebration of the Centenary, which falls on the 26th March, 1868; it being the unanimous wish of the Society that that hon. gentleman, so long connected with the Institution, should fill the Chair on that occasion. The Committee were successful in their mission, as the honor being intended for a special occasion and an exceptional year in the annals of the Society, was accepted as such. This was communicated to the Society and

The Hon. Chief Justice Young was unanimously elected *President*;

James Forman, *Vice-President*;

Capt. John Taylor, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

John Doull, *Junr. Asst. Vice-President*;

James J. Bremner, *Treasurer*;

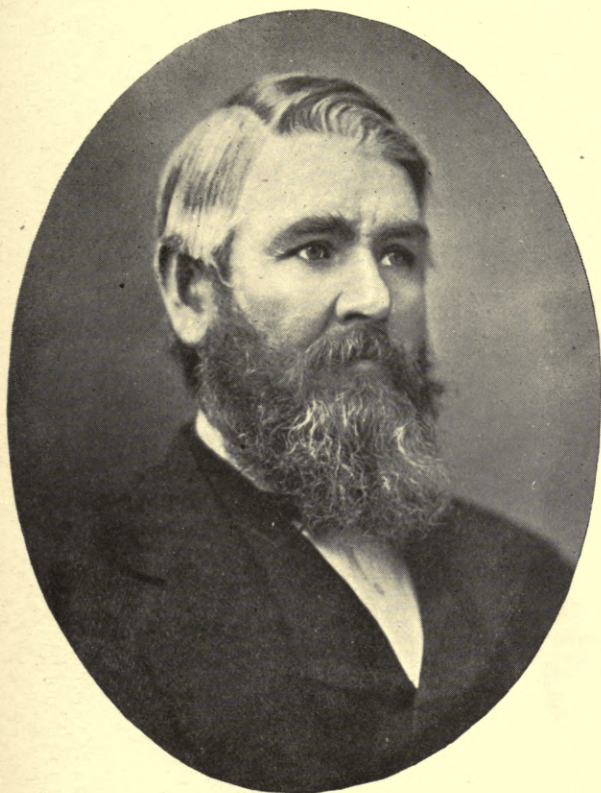
James S. Macdonald,	}	<i>Secretaries;</i>
Thomas S. Reid,		
Rev. Wm. Maxwell,		<i>Chaplain;</i>
John S. MacLean,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Donald Murray,		
John B. Campbell,		
James Hunter,		
J. P. Muir,		
Capt. Robert Breckin,		<i>Marshal;</i>
John McKenzie,	}	<i>Pipers;</i>
John Patterson,		
John Patterson,		
		<i>Messenger.</i>

The Festival of St. Andrew was passed over unnoticed on account of the general wish of the Society, that all possible honor should be concentrated on the Centenary, which falls on an early day in the ensuing year.

Biographical Notes—1867.

Duncan Campbell, Historian of Nova Scotia, a great favorite in the Society. His eloquence and intellectual ability charmed his fellow-countrymen, and his patriotic example of worth and love of the old land was long remembered by the passing generation who so often enjoyed his company in the North British fraternity.

Hon. Thomas S. Reid, M.L.C., Mayor of Hamilton, Bermuda, for many years, a brilliant and most esteemed member of the Society; was born at Balla Head, Scotland, and educated first at Peterhead and subsequently at Grammar School, Toronto, afterwards entering into business connection with John B. Campbell & Co., a connection which lasted from 1862 to 1871; Secretary to the Block House Coal Co. from 1871 to 1875. Mr. Reid joined the Society in 1866, and for several years gave splendid service to the



DUNCAN CAMPBELL



THOMAS S. REID

Institution, particularly during 1868, the Centenary year, and in 1871, when the Sir Walter Scott celebration gave great prominence to our Society and enormous work to Mr. Reid, who had full charge of the arrangements, which involved great expense and anxiety to all concerned in that most successful function. To the great regret of the Society Mr. Reid retired from business in Halifax. In 1875 he married, and after three years' travelling over Europe took up his permanent residence at Bermuda. He was elected Mayor of Hamilton in 1898, and has since been regularly re-elected. Mr. Reid interested himself in the erection of the Cathedral of Bermuda, dedicated in 1894, in which building he has spent many thousands of pounds sterling. As a public man he has been a great success, and in 1901 was appointed by the Bermuda Government member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Reid became a Perpetual Member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in 1880, and has since in many ways retained his interest in the working of our Institution.

1868.

CENTENARY YEAR.

This most important year in the annals of our Society was ushered in under favorable auspices—with a large and influential roll of Ordinary, Honorary and Perpetual Members,—with a large charity fund, and an active and well-known Committee to disburse the same, and enjoying the honor of having at its head, as President, the leading Scotchman of the Province, the HONORABLE WM. YOUNG, Chief Justice, the third of that ilk who has occupied the chair of the Society, who to his distinguished station, adds the genuine patriotic spirit of his country, which has ever made him a popular and esteemed member during his long and active connection with the Society.

In view of the approaching Centenary a special meeting of the Society was called on the 28th day of January to take the same into consideration; a large meeting responded to the summons, and various proposals were made, the result of which was that several Committees were appointed to consider the most suitable way of celebrating the same, to report at the February Quarterly Meeting. Among these Committees one important one may here be noticed: The President informed the Society that he had heard it suggested that, in order to mark the anniversary a Bursary be founded in Dalhousie College, and as the suggestion was a most praiseworthy one, having for its object the advancement of education in the Province, he would recommend it to the consideration of the Society. After many members had spoken in favor of the scheme, the following Committee was appointed to examine into the practicability of the same, with details, and report at next meeting.

James Forman, *Chairman*;
Captain John Taylor,
John Doull,
J. J. Bremner,
J. B. Campbell,
Rev. George M. Grant,
Rev. W. Maxwell.

Before the close of the proceedings, the President, at the solicitation of many members that he would deliver an oration on the Centenary, expressed himself most happy to give them his inspiration of the hour on that occasion. About twenty gentlemen were proposed as candidates for membership by members present.

At the February meeting, which was numerously attended, the following gentlemen proposed at last Quarterly and Special meetings were, on motion and decision of the meeting, elected unanimously by acclamation Ordinary Members:

Donald G. Keith,	Donald Keith,
Hon. Robt. Robertson,	Sandford Fleming,
Charles Sinclair,	James McEwan,
W. O. Adams,	W. H. Bauld,
Alex. Sutherland,	Alex. W. McLeod,
Peter Grant,	Prof. Lawson,
Wm. McKerron,	Alexander Moir,
Wm. Montgomery,	George Taylor,
John McLachlin,	Charles Taylor,
John B. Young,	Joseph D. McNab,
John McKenzie,	David King,
John McNab.	

And Robert Forman was elected an Honorary Member on motion from the Chair, by acclamation.

The Treasurer presented a most satisfactory report of disbursements made during last quarter; after which James Forman, as Chairman of Bursary Committee, reported as follows:

"That at a full meeting of the Committee appointed at last meeting, they had unanimously decided to submit the following report:

"That the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated annually from the funds of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY for a Scholarship in connection with Dalhousie College, as a permanent commemoration of the Centenary of the Society, subject to the following conditions:

"1st. That the holder of it be a person eligible to be a member of the Society.

"2nd. That the Scholarship be held during the third or fourth year of his undergraduate course.

"3rd. That it be competed for at the end of his second year course, and that the first competition take place at the end of the present session, and that the examiners be always appointed by the Senate.

"4th. The money to be paid on the certificate from the Principal of Dalhousie College.

" 5th. Any year when no competitor has presented himself, the money for that year to remain in the hands of the Society, but the Scholarship to be again open for competition on the following year, subject to the foregoing resolutions."

(Signed)

John Doull,
James Forman,
John Taylor,
G. M. Grant,
J. B. Campbell,
W. Maxwell,
J. J. Bremner.

After a long and animated discussion upon the above important resolution, it was finally put from the Chair, and the Report adopted by an overwhelming majority. A Committee appointed at last meeting to examine and report upon the Historical Record prepared by Jas. S. Macdonald, gave in their Report, recommending the publishing of the same at the expense of the Society, which was unanimously approved of.

It was also decided to celebrate the Centenary as follows:

A procession of the Society, in which all Scotchmen of the City shall be invited to join,—an Oration at Temperance Hall by His Honor the Chief Justice (he having consented to deliver the same),—and a Grand Ball to be held in the evening. This, with the founding of the Bursary Fund, was considered the most suitable manner of marking the event; but considerable difference of opinion having been expressed upon the question of a Ball and Dinner, led to the calling of a special meeting on February 24th, when it was decided by a large majority to hold a dinner on the evening of the Centenary. This having been decided, all went vigorously to work to make a creditable celebration. Different



SIR WILLIAM YOUNG.

committees were drafted to carry out the decision of the Society, and when the 25th March arrived, everything was in order.

Biographical Note—1868.

Sir William Young, born at Falkirk, Scotland, in 1799, son of Hon. John Young, the famous writer on Agriculture (*Agricola*), was in early life educated at the University of Glasgow, where he took honors; was admitted a Barrister in Nova Scotia in 1826, Queen's Counsel in 1843, became a member of the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia in 1833, and again from 1837 to 1860; was Speaker of the House 1843 to 1854, when he became Attorney-General; President of the Executive Council in 1859, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia in 1860, and Judge of Admiralty in 1864. He was knighted by Her Majesty for meritorious services in 1869. In 1881 he retired from the Bench, and died May 8th, 1887, aged 88 years. Such is the baldest outline of the career of one of the greatest and best men ever associated with the history of our Province or Society. His many public services are a matter of our country's history. In tact, diplomatic skill and great inherent powers and perseverance, he was endowed far above his professional associates. He was well read, possessed of many qualifications requisite to the intellectual outfit of a public man, a gifted orator, a keen reasoner, with a well-balanced and trained judicial mind. He for a long generation was the leading orator and statesman of our country. Joined to these great qualifications of a public man, Sir William was a great citizen and a most enthusiastic member, President and Orator of our Society. His burning eloquence on every public occasion in which our Society was connected will never be forgotten. In his will he remembered the Institution, leaving \$10,000 for forwarding its objects and strengthening its resources. He will be long remem-

bered for his energetic and patriotic life, devoted as it was to the best interests of his country and humanity.

THE CENTENARY.

The day was a most beautiful one, a clear sky, and—a most rare occurrence for a day so early in the season—good walking.

At half-past four o'clock the members, joined by the recently resuscitated Highland Society, the Scottish Volunteers and Scotchmen of the City, numbering about 400, started from the Granville Street side of the Province Building, and marched in procession to the Temperance Hall. The cortege was one of the finest ever witnessed in this city, the handsome banners of the two Societies, the gay and striking costume of the Highlanders, together with the fine Volunteer Band, and the Pipers of the Society, formed a striking scene of costume, respectability and numbers, not to be forgotten by the thousands who lined the route of the procession. About half-past one the doors of Temperance Hall were thrown open for the admission of ladies. Long before had the avenues leading to the building been filled by an anxious and expectant throng of Nova Scotia's fairest daughters, and when at last admission was afforded, the rush, as might be expected, was overwhelming. At two o'clock the tide abated, and when at last the ladies to whom tickets had been issued were all accommodated with seats, the galleries were filled with hundreds of as blooming cheeks, flashing eyes and merry hearts, as could have been found under any roof in the wide circle of our beloved Queen's Dominion. The procession arrived at a quarter to three, when the Hall was at once completely filled. As the procession moved up the aisle, the band played a Scottish air; the members and supporters of the standards ranged themselves on the platform, around

which were chairs for the invited guests, among whom were the heads of Departments, the Judges, and the leading citizens in public positions in the City; on the platform were the office-bearers and older members of the Society. James Forman, the Vice-President, took the chair and introduced the President, the Hon. Chief Justice Young, the Orator of the day. His Lordship then rose, and in his genial, happy and impressive manner, delivered the following oration, which may well be ranked among his finest efforts, and which, it must be remembered, was not a formal written paper, but an abandonment to the inspiration of the hour:

ORATION.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

One hundred years ago, on the 26th of March, 1768, nineteen years after the settlement of Halifax, a small band of Scotchmen, animated by the strong national feeling which characterizes the race, formed themselves into the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. The house or room in which they assembled still remains at the corner of Salter and Granville Streets, and will be revered by all true Scotchmen as a relic of antiquity. On the same day, the same individuals, or nearly the same, formed themselves into the St. Andrew's Lodge, who are celebrating this Centenary in conjunction with ourselves. The mystic tie of Freemasonry, and the full volume of Scottish feeling, have thus moved along for a century in contemporaneous streams, and now I have the pleasure of seeing beside me—with that wonderful faculty which Scotchmen everywhere display in rising to the top—my worthy and honorable friend, Alexander Keith, arrayed as Chief of the Highland Society, and Grand Master of the Masonic Body. (Cheers.) The records of the Society during the century have been preserved intact, and our Secretary, Jas. S. Macdonald, has prepared full

selections from them, which it is intended to publish, and from which I shall extract a few interesting particulars. We have just had a splendid procession, unprecedented, perhaps, in the City of Halifax. We have been in the habit of seeing processions of national societies every year, and I could not but admire the other day, the procession of St. Patrick's Society, with its banners streaming in the wind, and its long and enthusiastic line. Next month we will, no doubt, see St. George's Society turn out in honor of its Patron Saint, with their splendid bouquets and their gentlemanly air. But, after all, it must be confessed, I think, that we have the advantage of them. They want something which we possess. They want the broad sword and the dirk, the picturesque and martial costume, the garb of old Gaul—(applause)—which attracts with a national instinct every man who has Scottish blood running in his veins, and captivates every woman whether she has Scottish blood in her veins or no. (Loud applause.) And now my part in the proceedings has come. My countrymen, with a partiality and kindness which, during a long political and professional career, have never failed me,—have unanimously elected me for the second time their President, that I might deliver this oration and preside at the banquet in the evening. But when I look around me at this vast assemblage, and see the array of talent, with so many minds of higher cultivation than my own, I feel but too keenly, that I will be unable to meet their expectations. And what am I to say, when I raise my eyes to the heaven above me, where there are assembled so many of the choicest ornaments of our hearts and homes? I can only hope that they will rain down upon us their sweetest influence—a subtle and mysterious essence, which will lend to every thought as it arises, a warmer glow, a softer and a tenderer hue. (Applause.) I find from our record that processions have not been much the fashion with our Society. There was one in 1782, when they marched

in a body to the old St. Matthew's Church, then the only Presbyterian Church, I presume, in Halifax, and listened to a sermon from Dr. Andrew Brown in honor of St. Andrew. This goodly custom does not appear to have been repeated. It may be that the Rev. gentleman did not eulogise the Saint enough, or appeal with sufficient fervor to Scottish feeling. That fault would no longer be found, for if we revive the custom, as perhaps we ought, there will be no difficulty in eliciting from the pulpits we now have, a specimen of Presbyterian eloquence that will thrill us to the core. (Cheers.) It would not be, depend on't, like the sermon Dean Ramsay speaks of "a lang grace and nae meat." Then I find there was a grand procession in honor of the five hundredth anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn—that immortal victory which secured the independence, and raised to the highest pitch the martial glory of Scotland. (Cheers.) There is one other procession which I must not altogether omit. It took place in the year 1841, in honor of the birth of the Prince of Wales, and there I find that a little difficulty arose. The claim of the Society, it seems, to precedence in virtue of its seniority, was disputed, and then the Scottish blood was up. The Society assembled and passed spirited resolutions in assertion of their right. We all know that the Scotchman, whether Highlander or Lowlander, is one of the best natured fellows in the world, provided you do not tread on his corns. But if you do, then comes the national motto, "*Nemo me impune lacessit*," or its free translation, "Wha daur meddle wi me?" Chambers gives us a characteristic anecdote of this spirit-stirring border air. Leyden, the impulsive, enthusiastic Orientalist and poet, was stretched on a bed of sickness in India at the time the first Buonaparte was threatening invasion, when he was told that the Teviotdale men marched into Jedburg playing this national air, which so transported him

with delight that he forgot all his ailments, and sprang out of bed, shouting, "Wha daur meddle wi me?" "Wha daur meddle wi me?" In the same spirit our Society were determined to carry their point. I had forgotten this passage at arms altogether; but I find that I was on the Committee that prepared the address, and my late brother George moved the resolutions, and that between us we carried the Society triumphantly through. Lastly, I must not forget the great procession of 1859, when, in common with all the world, we did our best to celebrate the Centenary of Burns. On our records, too, there appear many jovial re-unions and some splendid banquets, especially one given in 1794 to His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. Old Mr. Grassie on that occasion sang with great *eclat* a song composed for the occasion, which, it is duly recorded, the Duke vehemently encored. The New York papers of the day declared this to be the finest entertainment ever given in the Provinces, and the reporter must have surpassed himself, for with a flight of eloquence which no modern editor could rival, he tells us that the company enjoyed themselves to their utmost bent, and did not separate "until the horses of the sun were spurring with their glittering harness up the eastern horizon." But His Royal Highness might have more truly exulted, could he have forseen that seventy-four years after that day, an audience animated with true British feeling would have assembled in this place, with his daughter upon the Throne, Queen equally of our affections and allegiance, at the head of the most powerful, the most extended, and the most glorious Empire that the world has ever seen. (Loud cheers.)

And now I must pay a passing tribute to some of the eminent men who appear upon our annals. Among our Honorary Members, or the contributors to our funds, are the Earl of Selkirk, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Dalhousie, a name to be ever held in affectionate remembrance in Nova Scotia. Then comes the honored name of Sir Colin Campbell, our Lieutenant-Governor at

the time, when the new principles of Government were first developed in the Provinces. I differed from him in politics, but he always honored me with his personal confidence and friendship. He was a manly, true-hearted Scotchman, and the Society did itself honor by the steadiness and enthusiasm with which they sustained him. Then comes a crowd of Generals and Admirals, General Ogilvie in 1788, Admirals Murray, Mitchell, Douglass, Adam, and in more recent days, Sir John D. Hay, now at the Board of Admiralty, Sir Houston Stewart, equally great as sailor, dancer and curler; Sir Alexander Milne, now the first sea lord, and who has still a warm heart for all Nova Scotians; and lastly, Sir James Hope, the very soul of courage and of honor. In my own profession, among the past Presidents, I find Chief Justice Sir Thomas Strange, of whom an anecdote is recorded, illustrative of his strict integrity, and of the delicacy of the judicial conscience. He left us in 1797 on his appointment as Recorder of Bombay, and on his passage out, having convinced himself that he had unconsciously done injustice in one of his decisions, he wrote to a friend here, declaring his conviction, and enclosing a draft for the amount which the party had wrongfully paid—a bright example, which all judges should take to heart. Then we had my immediate predecessor, Chief Justice Sir Brenton Halliburton, whose eloquent words at Burns's Centenary, all of us remember, whose loss we all of us deplore. We had another Chief Justice, too, of a neighbouring colony, it is true, but Master of the Rolls in our own, S. G. W. Archibald, whose polished wit and powers of infinite persuasion were never equalled at our own, and rarely at the English Bar. With these names before me I cannot but feel that however unworthy in myself, I am at least the successor to a brilliant line. On our list of Presidents there are many highly respected names, several of them unknown to the younger, but familiar to the older members. There are the names of Mr. Brymer, Deputy Paymaster-General;

Mr. John Black and Mr. Forsyth, of the great house of Black, Forsyth & Co.; the Hon. Michael Wallace, who was twice President, and whom every Scotchman in the Province looked up to as a friend; the Hon. James Stewart, whom I regarded as my own professional father; the Hon. Jas. Fraser, Mr. McNab, Mr. Grassie, Mr. Forman, the father of our Vice-President—and who was there that did not love the kind-hearted, genial old man? My own father, whom all the world accounted an orator and a scholar, while he preferred to both the title of the “Farmer’s Friend.” My brother George, who toiled too incessantly for his health and peace of mind, devoted months and years of unrequited and gratuitous labour to the Intercolonial Railway, which seems, by some strange fatality, as if it were again to elude our grasp, and sacrificed his life for the public good; Mr. William Murdoch, whose splendid legacies for public-spirited and charitable objects will ever make his name revered in Halifax; my old friends, the Williamsons, Mr. Esson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mackinlay, whom we have so recently lost, and who left not an enemy behind him. I speak only of the dead; the living I leave for some future orator.

With names like these, it must be confessed, I think the Society has a splendid record. Its members in all, during the Century, have amounted to about 1,000 in number. The management of our funds, too, may afford some useful lessons. I find shortly after its formation that the money on hand came to £101 17s. 7d., but our worthy predecessors didn’t spend this in a dinner or ball. Scotchmanlike, they set aside the £1 17s. 7d. for use, and invested the £100 at 6 per cent., where it remains to this day, having yielded four times its amount by interest, which we have expended in charity. By and by I find the funds had risen to £550, and now, with Mr. Murdoch’s legacy of £1,000, we have £1,800 in all, and don’t owe a shilling in the world. (Cheers.) Not that we have been niggardly, either. We gave a sum towards

the first Presbyterian Manse—contributed £100 toward the Waterloo fund—and have founded in honor of this day a Scholarship in Dalhousie College, which may bring forth and polish some gifted mind that will shed lustre on the Institution, and bless the day on which this Centenary was celebrated.

So much for the records of our Society. You will perceive that I have treated them in an easy, colloquial vein, having thought that for a celebration of this kind the Society didn't expect a dull and prosaic lecture, nor an elaborate oration to be committed to memory, with brilliant passages, perhaps, which I couldn't repeat if I tried it, and no one would care for if I did. What I mean to give you is a Nova Scotian and Scottish speech, drawing its inspiration from the hour, wanting, it may be, the elegance and polish of written composition, but with something of the vivacity and life of an extemporaneous address, founded on Scottish history and tinged with the Scottish muse. (Applause.) I shall dwell, therefore, only for a moment on the extraordinary character of the century we are surveying. It began eight years after the accession of George the Third, in 1760. The capture of Quebec, with the memorable death of the gallant Wolfe, occurred in 1759. This was the first origin of British power on the North American Continent, which is destined, I trust, long and gloriously to endure. Eight years after, in 1776, came the declaration of American Independence, when it was supposed that the Mother Country had received a mortal blow; but the hopes of her enemies and the fears of her friends were alike disappointed, for she sprang forward with a new impulse, and to this hour is advancing in reputation and in power. (Applause.) Within this period, too, was the memorable rising of the masses against the abuses of power and the oppressions of the privileged classes in France—the wonderful succession of startling events which have from time to time convulsed the Continent of Europe—the consolidation of Italy, and the rapid, and I trust the

steady and healthy progress of popular rights. The discoveries in science and the arts have illustrated the period far beyond any that has preceded it. Railways, telegraphs, steamships, are only a part of its magnificent creations. Our knowledge, too, of the earth which we inhabit, has been wonderfully extended; its beginning was marked by Captain Cook's first discoveries in the South Seas; the unknown regions of Africa have been penetrated and the sources of the Nile explored,—Australia has been traversed from sea to sea, and the fact of the North-West Passage demonstrated by the adventurous McClintock. "The North-West Passage by land," has lately attracted the enterprise and spirit of two Englishmen of intellect and rank, of whose book this is the title. Lord Milton, son of the Earl of Fitzwilliam, and his friend Doctor Cheadle, a graduate of Cambridge, descended the Red River to Fort Garry, thence travelling westward, crossed the Rocky Mountains by one of the northern passes, descended the Thomson River amidst a thousand privations, reached Esquimalt Harbor in Vancouver, and from thence ascended the Fraser to Carriboo—the whole journey and the spirit in which its fatigues were undergone and its adventures are recorded, producing a most charming work, which I strongly recommend to the elder as well as the younger part of my audience. I will embrace the opportunity, too, of recommending to them two other books of modern travel, Vambery's *Central Asia*, and Pulgrave's *Arabia*, both to be had in our bookstores, and which far surpass in romance, in variety of incident, and in beauty of writing, the sensational novels of the present day, which load, and I am sorry to add, which too often defile as well as load the pages of the magazines and the shelves of our circulating libraries. (Applause.)

Let us now turn, for a while, to a few of the leading incidents in Scottish history, which illustrate the early condition of the country. Strange misapprehensions have been entertained even by Scotchmen upon this

point, of which it is time to disabuse them. It has been supposed that Scotland some centuries ago was a semi-barbarous and savage country, far inferior to its Southern neighbor and rival. But the ancient chronicles, when we consult them, give us a very different impression. In the middle of the twelfth century, seven hundred years ago, when Henry the Second banished the Flemings from his dominions, they took refuge in great numbers in the northern Kingdom, as the safer and more civilized of the two. The middle of the thirteenth century, in the reign of Alexander the Third, was distinguished by the arrival of the Lombard merchants, to establish settlements in Scotland—an event, says Tytler, which of itself speaks a high degree of mercantile wealth and opulence. In the year 1249 one of the most powerful of the French Barons, who accompanied Louis the Ninth on a crusade, had a ship which was to bear him and his vassals to the Holy Land built for him at Inverness,—so high a reputation had the Scottish ship carpenters acquired at that early period even in foreign countries. Her exports in the fourteenth century were of large amount. In the reign of David the Second she had seventeen royal boroughs, including Perth, Roxburgh, Stirling, and Aberdeen; and Berwick, her principal port, is described as a great mart of foreign commerce, inasmuch as its customs under Alexander the Third amounted to one-fourth of the whole customs of England. These facts sufficiently attest her commercial independence and rising wealth at that remote era, which was succeeded, however, by a long period of depression—the protracted and desperate contest which she waged with England for her political life and independence—the struggle in which Bruce and Wallace and her other heroes acquired a deathless renown—the tragical events which marked the reigns of the Stuarts, left the country impoverished but unsubdued. Mr. Freeman, in his late work, the *History of the Roman Conquest*, has shown indeed, that the southern portions of the Kingdom—the ancient Strath,—Clyde,

Berwickshire, and the Lothians—yielded to the superior force and acknowledged the supremacy of England; but Scotland north of the Forth and the Clyde, and still more, Scotland north of the Tay, has never been conquered—such, at least, is the proud and undying conviction of her patriots and poets.

Now, it is part of my purpose to illustrate these short sketches of Scottish history by a few choice pieces from our native poets, and I shall introduce two or three of them here. The first I shall take from Robert Ferguson; and as I read it, I must confess I feel some compassion for my English hearers, to whom much of it will sound like Greek, and who are unable to relish and apprehend its Doric flow:

THE FARMER'S INGLE.

Weel kens the guidwife that the pleughs require
 A heartsome meltieth, and refreshing synd
 O' happy liquor owre a bleezing fire;
 Sair work and poorth downa weel be join'd,
 Wi' butter'd bannocks now the girdle reeks;
 I' the far nook the bowie briskly reams;
 The readied kail stands by the chimley cheeks,
 And hawds the riggin het wi' welcome steams,
 Whilk than the daintiest kitchen nicer seems.

On sicken food has mony a doughty deed
 By Caledonia's ancestors been done;
 By this did mony a wight fu' wierlike bleed,
 In brulzids frae the dawn to set o' sun.
 T'was this that braced their gardies stiff and strang
 That bent the deadly yew in ancient days,
 Laid Denmark's daring sons on yird alang,
 Gar'd Scottish thristles bang the Roman bays,
 For near our coast their heads they doughtna raise.

My next is from Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd.

CALEDONIA.

Caledonia! thou land of the mountain and rock,
 Of the ocean, the mist and the wind;
 Thou land of the torrent, the pine and the oak,
 Of the roebuck, the hart and the hind:
 Though bare are thy cliffs and though barren thy glens,
 Though bleak thy dun islands appear,
 Yet kind are the hearts, and undaunted the clans,
 That roam on these mountains so drear.

A foe from abroad, or a tyrant at home,
 Could never thy ardour restrain,
 The marshall'd array of Imperial Rome,
 Essay'd thy proud spirit in vain!
 Firm seat of religion, of valour, of truth,
 Of genius unshackled and free;
 The muses have left all the vales of the south,
 My loved Caledonia for thee.

Sweet land of the bay and the wild winding deep,
 Where loveliness slumbers at even,
 While far in the depth of the blue water sleeps
 A calm little motionless heaven!
 Thou land of the valley, the moor, and the hill,
 Of the storm and the proud rolling wave;
 Yes, thou art the land of fair liberty still,
 And the land of my forefather's grave.

One other piece I give you from the same gifted poet:

THE FLOWERS OF SCOTLAND.

What are the flowers of Scotland,
 All others that excel?
 The lovely flowers of Scotland
 All others that excel!
 The thistle's purple bonnet
 And bonny heather bell,
 O! they're the flowers of Scotland,
 All others that excel!

Up wi' the flowers of Scotland,
 The emblems o' the free;
 Their guardians for a thousand years,
 Their guardians still we'll be.
 A foe had better brave the deil,
 Within his reeky cell;
 Than our thistle's purple bonnet,
 Or bonny heather bell.

And now we will revert to matters of a more prosaic but not less interesting kind. You will recollect that James the Sixth, of Scotland, mounted the British Throne in 1603, when the Crowns of England and Scotland were first united, but that the treaty of union between the two kingdoms dates from the year 1706. What was the condition of Scotland at this period? No goods could be landed from the American plantations in any part of Scotland, unless they had been first landed and paid duty in England, nor even in that case unless in an English ship. On the other hand English woollens were pro-

hibited to be imported into Scotland, and the two Parliaments mutually pursued the short-sighted and suicidal policy which was then thought to be the perfection of wisdom. A great modern philosopher has asked whether any greater folly is to be found in the history of legislation,—how it was possible for intelligent men so to mistake their true interests? But for my part I am not so much astonished, as in the course of my career I have often heard precisely the same doctrines advanced as the true policy of our own Province in its intercourse with its sister Provinces,—an isolation not within the narrow and contracted limits of the British Isles, but in this more extended and glorious sphere of ours in British America, of which Nova Scotia is destined, oppose it who may, to be the ornament and pride.

And what was the effect of this narrow legislation? The whole western coast, shut out from the only foreign commerce that was open to it, was languishing in poverty and neglect. The Clyde, on whose banks such marvels have since been wrought, which subdued the prejudices even of Cobbett, and draws forth the admiration of every stranger, was an inconsiderable stream, having nothing to recommend it but its exquisite rural beauty and its historic fame. There was Bothwell Brig, and the black and yawning gulf which Scott has immortalized—but that was all. Its forest of shipping lying at the Broomielaw, and bringing their treasures from every corner of the earth,—its princely steamers, living evidences of the genius and skill of her mechanics, and whose stately pace upon the waters of our harbor, not less magnificent than themselves, we have so often gazed at and admired, were then all unknown and unforeseen. But the first blow had been struck. There were no longer mere rhetorical flights in the Houses of Parliament, or theoretic aspirations among political dreamers,—the logic of facts was to be tested—there was the magic of Union.

And how did it work? Let the public records and the history of the period speak. In 1707, on the passage of

the Union Act, the people of Greenock assessed themselves for the construction of a harbor,—by the year 1710 the whole of the works was completed. A pier and capacious harbor were erected, and Greenock was suddenly raised from insignificance to take an important part in the trade of the Atlantic. In 1719 she dispatched her first ship to America, and the wealth of the place increased so rapidly that, according to Sir John Sinclair, the harbor debt was paid off in 1740, and the foundation laid of her municipal fund. The first vessel which crossed the Atlantic from Glasgow, was in the year 1719. This magnificent city, now the second in the Empire, at that time displayed but little of her present greatness, and offered a singular contrast to the foundries and ship-yards of the Napiers and the Aitkins, where a single establishment, which I inspected last year, employed 2,500, and had employed as many as 4,000 men. The only Scottish manufacture of any account, previous to the Union Act, was that of linen, and it was met, of course, by a prohibitory duty in England. In ten years after the Union, the exportation of it had doubled. Paisley, originally a priory, then an abbey of Black Monks, takes its rise from 1725; it is now, as we know, a vast emporium of industry and crowded by an active population. The linen manufacture penetrated to Kilmarnock in 1744, to Inverary in 1748, to Fife in 1760. The first County Banks were established at Aberdeen and Glasgow in 1749; in 1768 the canal connecting the Forth and Clyde, on the banks of which I was born, was begun, and in 1790 it was completed. It is highly interesting to Scotchmen to mark these steps in the magnificent progress which our country has made, and it is of the deepest moment to Nova Scotians to apprehend the cause from whence it sprung. I have often visited the United States, and noted with an observant eye the evidence of their astonishing advance. In 1815 I spent a summer in the City of New York, when its population was little more than 100,000, and the City of Brooklyn was an incon-

siderable village. The three millions of people in the original thirteen States, have swollen in less than a century to thirty-five millions, or as the *Tribune* contends, to thirty-eight. Does this wonderful progress spring from the freedom of their institutions or the universal education of their people? These have done much, but one leading and operative cause, I am persuaded, has been the free and unrestricted intercourse between the members of that vast Confederacy—the practical establishment and recognition of the principles of free trade, even when these principles were theoretically disowned, a homage paid almost unconsciously to their truth. The same principles came into full play in England and Scotland, as a consequence of the Union, and were attended with the like results.

Sometimes, it is true, there has been some little jarring. We all of us recollect the celebrated letters of Malachi Malagrowther, in which the pungent and witty pen of Sir Walter Scott defended the Banking system of his country, prefacing them with the rather ominous motto,—

“When the pipes begin to play,
Tutti taittie to the Drum,
Out with claymore and down with gun,
And to the rogues again!”

for which, upon second thoughts, he substituted a more pacific one, taken from Mason,—

“Sister, to thee no ruder spell
Will Scotia use, than those that dwell
In soft persuasive notes, that lie
Twined with the links of harmony”;

lines which I strongly recommend to our own approval, substituting only the mother for the sister.

It will be expected that something should now be said of the literature of Scotland. Trade, manufactures and shipping are admirable things, but the true glory of a country lies in its cultivated minds—a glory of which Scotland has been always emulous, though she was late in entering the field. It has been said that up to the

eighteenth century, but two or three Scotchmen deserved to be ranked among the literary or scientific benefactors of the world. George Buchanan, famed for the elegance of his latinity, has the merit of having first clearly defined the relations that ought to exist between Governors and the governed, and placed popular rights on a rational and solid basis. Napier of Merchiston, the inventor of logarithms, was a profound mathematical genius—he belonged to a race of heroes. Burnet is a well known name. Two of the earlier poets also deserve commemoration. Thomas the Rhymer, in the thirteenth century, whose tower at Earlstown is still standing, produced the poem of Sir Tristram, which attained high celebrity in Europe. It was edited by Sir Walter Scott, and is said to contain many fine touches of nature and many interesting pictures of ancient manners. The father of his hero he describes “stalwart, wise and wight,” but the dialect in which it was written is too obscure to be relished by modern scholars. He is still a favorite, and his prophecies enjoy a high reputation among the Scottish peasantry. One of these has reference to a family of the name of Haig, who had inherited the same property from the time of William the Lion, and ran thus:

Tide, tide, whate’er betide,
Theer’ll be a Haig at Bemerside.

For eighteen generations the inheritance was unbroken, and during the long period of 700 years every Haig had the good fortune or good sense to produce a son to succeed him. The nineteenth Haig married in due season with the same laudable and pious object; but lo and behold! he had twelve daughters in succession, which, with all our regard for the fair sex, was, it must be confessed, rather too much of a good thing. (A laugh.) The popular faith in Thomas the Rhymer began to wane, when lo! there was a son, and the prophet was restored to his ancient ‘good name. In the 14th century, Barbour, the metrical historian of Robert Bruce, pro-

duced his spirited and graphic poem,—remarkable for the strength and purity of its language, its noble sentiments and the richness of its imagery.

The 17th century, while it was a blank in Scotland, was the golden age of English literature. Spenser belongs more properly to the 16th, and was greatly admired in his own day, though now he has almost become obsolete. But the great names of Milton and Shakespeare in poetry, of Bacon and Newton in philosophy, belong to the 17th, and shed upon the English name a lustre that will never die. There is no name in the literature of France during that period that can compare with these; and German literature, which has since attained to such eminence, was then scarcely born. Newton possessed the rarest and most transcendent genius that God ever gave to man, and the fame of Shakespeare is green as ever, and will last as long as human nature itself. Poets of the highest order, and prose writers like Bacon, with infinite wealth of fancy, and powers of original expression, ennoble and enrich a language, and one is astonished on reading *Paradise Lost*, the dramas of Shakespeare, and the essays of Bacon, to find how many of the phrases first struck out by the genius of these men have passed into familiar use.

It was not till about the middle of the eighteenth century that the mind of Scotland was thoroughly awakened, when all at once a new and splendid literature arose. Robertson takes rank among our finest historians. There is no more beautiful piece of writing in our language than his description of the voyage of Columbus—it is far superior, I think, both in simplicity and beauty, to that of Washington Irving. Hume can scarcely be excelled as a master of English composition. His history is an exquisite work of art; and although his sympathy with the Stuarts was too strongly marked, and would scarce allow him to do justice to the Pymys, the Hampdens, and the Cromwells, it is impossible to read his work without admiration and delight. But a greater than either of

these two remains. In the little village of Kircaldy, in Fife, the most profound thinker that Scotland ever produced spent ten years of his life maturing his great work—having withdrawn from the society of his literary friends at Edinburgh, who had no conception of the task to which he had devoted himself. At the expiration of that time, Adam Smith produced his “Wealth of Nations”—a work which has done more to reform and revolutionize the opinions of mankind and the actions of governments, than any that preceded or followed it. I was present the other night at the meeting of the “Young Men’s Early Closing Association”—a movement of which I highly approve—and was delighted to hear the resolutions which some of them then expressed—to dedicate the time which the generosity and kindness of their employers had assigned them to the improvement of pursuits; many of them, I doubt not, will rise to leading positions in this community; and it is of great consequence that they should acquire accurate ideas of the philosophy as well as the practice of trade. Let me strongly recommend to these and to other young men, the study of Smith’s “Wealth of Nations,” not superficially, but with the fixed purpose to understand it, and with pen in hand. They will permit me, perhaps, to cite my own example. I read the work in that spirit upwards of fifty years ago, and the copious notes I then took have served me a hundred times since in good stead, both in the Assembly and at the Bar.

In the notes I have before me, I intended to have said something of the writers of this period in the science of mind—Hutcheson, Reid, and Dugald Stewart—but I find that time will not permit me, and I must pass for a little while to the poets, and delight you with a few extracts from Ramsay and the “Ettrick Shepherd.” Burns I treated at large on a former occasion.

I know no pastoral poem in the English language of equal merit to the “Gentle Shepherd” of Ramsay. It

is far superior to the "Pastoral Ballad" of Shenstone, of which Dr. Johnston, in his "Lives of the Poets," sarcastically says that "an intelligent reader, acquainted with the real scenes of life, sickens at the mention of the crook, the pipe, the sheep and the kids," which figure so largely in that production. But Ramsay painted life as it is; and the Scottish dialect in which he wrote, which was no vulgar *Patois*, but the language of polite life as well as of the shepherds, runs with a mellifluous flow. Mark the following extract, where one of his shepherds gives his comrade an instructive lesson in the management of the fair sex:

PAT. Daft gowk! leave off that silly whinging way,
Seem careless; there's my hand, ye'll win the day.
Hear how I served my lass, I loe as weel
As ye do Jenny, and with heart as leel;
Last morning I was gay and early out,
Upon a dyke I leaned, glowrin' about;
I saw my Meg come linkin' o'er the lee;
I saw my Meg, but Meggy saw nae me;
And yet the sun was wading through the mist
And she was close upon me ere she wist.
Her coats were kiltit and did sweetly shaw
Her straight bare limbs that whiter were than snaw,
Her cockerony snooded up fu sleek,
Her haffet locks hang waving on her cheek;
Her cheek sae ruddy and her een sae clear,
And oh! her mouth's like ony hinny pear;
Neat, neat she was in bustine waistcoat clean.
As she came skiffing o'er the dewy green.
Blythsome, I cried: "My bonny Meg come here,
I ferly wherefore ye're sae soon asteer;
But I can guess ye're gawn to gather dew."
She scoured awa and said, "What's that to you?"
"Then fare ye weel, Meg, dorts and e'ens ye like,"
I careless cried, and lap in o'er the dike.
I trow when that she saw, within a crack
She came with a right thieveless errand back;
Misca'd me first, then bad me hound my dog
To wear up three waff ewes strayed on the bog.
I leugh and sae did she; then with great haste
I clasped my arms about her neck and waist,
About her yielding waist. * * * *
Dear Roger, when your Joe puts on her gloom
Do ye sae too, and never fash your thumb;
Seem to forsake her, soon she'll change her mood
Gae woo anither and she'll gang clear wud.

Let us contrast with this a conference between the

two Mistresses, winding up with a charming picture of rural life.

PEG. Nae mair of that—dear Jenny to be free,
 There's some men constanter in love than we;
 Nor is the ferly great, when nature kind,
 Has blest them with solidity of mind,
 They'll reason calmly, and with kindness smile,
 When our short passions wad our peace beguile.
 Sae whenso'er they slight tneir maiks at hame,
 'Tis ten to one the wives are maist to blame;
 Then I'll employ with pleasure a' my art
 To keep him chcerfu' and secure his heart.
 At e'en when he comes weary frae the hill,
 I'll ha'e a' things made ready to his will;
 In winter when he toils through wind and rain,
 A bleezing ingle and a clean hearth stane;
 And soon as he flings by his plaid and staff,
 The seething pots be ready to take aff,
 Clean hag-a-bag I'll spread upon his board,
 And serve him with the best we can afford.
 Good humour and white bizonets shall be
 Guards to my face, to keep his love for me.

JEN. A dish of married love right soon grows cauld
 And dosens down to nane as foulk grow auld.

PEG. But we'll grow and together auld ne'er find
 The loss of youth, when love grows on the mind
 Bairns and their bairns make sure a firmer tie
 Than aught in love the like of us can spy.
 See yon twa elms that grow up side by side—
 Suppose them some years syne bridegroom and bride,
 Nearer and nearer ilka year they've prest,
 Till wide their spreading branches are increased,
 And in their mixture now are fully blest.
 This shields the other frae the eastlin blast,
 That in return defends it frae the west;
 Sic as stand single (a state sae liked by you)
 Beneath ilk storm, frae every airt maun bow.

Lastly, I will give you a song which has always been popular in Scotland:

Jockey said to Jenny, Jenny, wilt thou do't?
 Ne'er a fit, quo' Jenny, for my tocher good,
 For my tocher good I winna marry thee.
 E'en's ye like, quo' Jocky, I can let you be.

Mause. Weel tiltit, Bauldy, that's a dainty sang.

Bauldy. I'se gie ye'd a', it's better than it's lang.

I hae gowd and gear, I hae land eneugh,
 I hae sax good owsen ganging in a pleugh;
 Ganging in a pleugh, and linking o'er the lee,
 And gin ye winna tak me I can let you be.

I hae a good house, a barn and a byre;
 A peat stack 'fore the door will make a rantin' fire,
 Will make a rantin' fire, and merry we shall be,
 And gin ye winna tak me I can let you be.

Jenny said to Jocky, gin ye winna teli,
 Ye shall be the lad, I'll be the lass mysell—
 Ye're a bonny lad, and I'm a lassie free,
 Ye're welcomer to tak me than to let me be.

I have three or four extracts from the poems of Hogg,
 but I find I must here content myself with only one,
 entitled "The Women Fo'k":

THE WOMEN FO'K.

O sairly may I rue the day
 I fancied first the woman kind,
 For aye sinsyne I ne'er can hae
 Ae quiet thought or peace o' mind!
 They hae plagued my heart an' pleased my ee
 An' teased an' flattered me at will,
 But aye, for a' their witcherie
 The pawky things I lo'e them still.
 O the women fo'k! the women fo'k
 But they hae been the wreck o' me,
 O weary fa' the women fo'k,
 For they winna let a body be!

I hae thought an' thought but darena tell,
 I've studied them with a' my skill,
 I've lo'ed them better than mysell,
 I've tried again to like them ill.
 Wha sairest strives will sairest rue
 To comprehend what nae man can;
 When he has done what man can do,
 He'll end at last where he began.
 O the women fo'k! the women fo'k
 But they hae been the wreck o' me,
 O weary fa' the women fo'k,
 For they winna let a body be!

That they hae gentle forms an' meet
 A man wi' half a look may see;
 An' gracefu' airs an' faces sweet,
 An' wavin' curls aboon the bree;
 An' smiles as soft as the young rose bud,
 An' een sae pawky bright an' rare,
 Wad lure the laverock frae the cludd,
 But laddie, seek to ken nae mair.
 O the women fo'k! the women fo'k
 But they hae been the wreck o' me,
 O weary fa' the women fo'k,
 For they winna let a body be!

And now I must draw to a close. I have already spoken of the rapid progress which the Scotch have made as a people in the century we are surveying. My friend Professor Leone Levi, in a report recently made to the British Association at Dundee, remarked that in the fifty years ending in 1865, the amount charged in England for income tax rose 128 per cent.—that is, the taxable income of England had more than doubled in that period,—while in Scotland it rose, in the same period, to 153 per cent. Scotland, at this moment, pays a larger proportion of the revenue than at any former period of her history. It was stated in the recent debates in Parliament, that while at the time of the Union, Scotland paid only one-fortieth of the revenue of the United Kingdom, now she pays one-fifth. Her population at the time of the Union was less than one million—at the beginning of the present Century it has risen to one million six hundred thousand—it is now upwards of three millions. In other words, it has doubled within the last sixty years,—an advance of which there is no parallel in any of the old European Kingdoms, except in England herself—whose population in the same period has risen from nine millions and a half to twenty millions.

It is singular to contrast the progress of other countries holding something of the same position. In 1857 I spent some days in Sweden, and traversed the country by the great canal from Gothenburg to Stockholm, thence to Upsala, where I visited the University and formed the acquaintance of some of her learned men. Sweden is a Protestant country, with a population of three and a-half millions, mostly Lutheran. Education is widely diffused. She has a free Parliament, consisting of four Houses when I saw them, now reduced to two. In the course of her history she has done great things. So early as the 14th Century she abolished the sale of slaves, and she has produced many heroic souls; but in literature and science few eminent names are to be found in her annals. Puffendorf, Tycho Brahe and Linnaeus almost exhaust the

list. Switzerland, again, with which I am familiar, with a mixed population of two and a half millions, and one-seventh of her population at her public schools—an independent Confederacy, with a rare distinction that she has no public debt—labors under the disadvantage of having no literary language of her own; and her great writers DeStael, Rousseau, Dumont, Sismondi, Lavater and Ewler, rank under the French or the German schools. How different is it with Scotland! I have spoken of the four or five great names that illustrate the 17th Century in England. We have four great names, not so eminent indeed as the English, but scarcely to be surpassed elsewhere—that illustrate the 18th in Scotland—Adam Smith, Walter Scott, Robert Burns and James Watt—to say nothing of a host of others: Chalmers, the prince of modern preachers; Jeffery, the prince of critics; Brewster, the prince of natural philosophers. (Applause.)

And may it not be well to wind up with an inquiry, how far the characteristic and homely virtues of the Scottish people may be improved or transplanted into our own Province? Does she teach us no examples that we may safely imitate? I no longer speak as a Scotchman by birth, but as a Nova Scotian by affection and habit. A Scotchman may fondly think that one of the best and surest guarantees for the moral and religious life—the growing intelligence and the material progress of Nova Scotia—is the large intermixture of Scottish blood that glows and circulates in her veins. If it be so, let us profit by the infusion.

In some respects the two countries closely resemble each other. No part of Scotland is more than forty miles from the sea, and we also are surrounded by the ocean. Our coasts are of the same rugged aspect, and the carses of the one and the dyked marshes of the other are not unlike. There is the same native shrewdness in the people, for I have often been astonished, before the blessings of education were extended to the masses, at the untaught and intuitive sagacity of the Nova Scotian

mind. They have both strong religious convictions, moving not in a shallow and languid stream, but with the passion and force of noble minds—not with the mere philosophical belief which amounts only to a perhaps, but with the power and earnestness of faith. Let us make the parallel more complete. Let us learn that a liberal economy, parsimony if you please, whose praises are celebrated by Adam Smith, is one of the first of virtues. It lays the solid foundation of capital, frowns on the extravagancies of fashion, and fosters a manly independence. A manufacturer of large fortune, it may be in Glasgow or Aberdeen, has a number of sons. How does he educate them? He sends them three or four years to attend the collegiate classes, and gives them a cultivation and reach of thought, which fits them for the highest positions and to which our young men, deprived of the same advantage, have but few pretensions. Is it justice to our young men that this should be so? Why should the future merchants and leading mechanics of Nova Scotia be confined to the mere drudgery of trade or labor, without first acquiring some knowledge of the classics, some tincture of mathematical and literary training. A college, inferior to none in the British Provinces, is now open to them. Why should not its classes be filled with the sons of our traders, of our leading mechanics and our professional men, as similar classes are filled in the four Scottish cities having the advantage of Universities? But there is another feature which is equally worthy of imitation. The wealthy manufacturers I have spoken of do not hesitate to send their sons, after having passed, it may be, a collegiate course, to the loom or the forge to learn their business from the beginning. They prefer this to driving tandem (a laugh) and have the good sense, both father and son, to account it no degradation; for no man can conduct a business successfully who does not know it from the bottom,—just as no lady is fit to manage a household,

who has not been often in the kitchen before she is married.

I was delighted, when on a recent visit to one of our greatest manufactories, to find young lads of education employed at the machines, and by their superior intelligence already filling the places of grown men. Applications for admission, I was assured, were frequent. It is this mainly which has made Scotland what she is. It has been long the practice in New England, and I know of no greater benefit that one of our wealthy merchants could confer upon the community, than to set such an example with one of his sons.

I see a number of the young men of my own profession near me, and I will seize the opportunity of giving them, and others as well, a lesson which I had early in life, and profited by myself. When I was entering upon the law, upwards of forty years ago, Judge James Stewart, whom I have already mentioned, with true kindness said to me, "Mind what I am going to tell you. When you open your office, make a fixed determination never to spend more than two-thirds of your income, invest the other third as you make it in mortgages at 6 per cent. Enter into no speculations, but attend strictly to your office and your business. Under no temptation keep your clients' money a day. Follow these maxims, and although you may be unable to make a fortune, you will always have independence and peace of mind." I commend these maxims to the thoughtful consideration of the young fellows before me.

And now, as I have been saying so much of literature, let me say a word upon two works that have been published this year in Nova Scotia, but have attracted far less attention than they deserve. The one is the "Teachers' Text Book," written by the Rev. Dr. Forrester, giving the results of his long experience, and containing the most comprehensive and most philosophic account of the theory and practice of teaching that I have ever met. The other is entitled, "Helena's Household,"

the production of Professor DeMille, a picture of Roman society and manners in the time of Nero, and embellished by many passages of true beauty and power.

Here I must close. I have spoken with great freedom, but I have spoken from the heart. The time must come when the rising talent of Nova Scotia will be more assiduously cultivated and her resources more developed—when her population shall be fully alive to the immense advantages which a bountiful Providence has showered upon her; and whatever her political destiny may be, let us hope that she will prove herself worthy of the high position for which God and Nature have evidently designed her.

The Chief Justice resumed his seat amidst immense cheering, having spoken about an hour and a half.

REV. G. M. GRANT said: It is my pleasing duty to move that this audience do convey to the Chief Justice their thanks for the oration which he has just delivered. I am sure that the Society, of which he is the honored head, will express its thanks in many ways, and right cordially, too; but it is also the duty of the citizens of Halifax, present in this assembly, to convey the expression of their gratification. The oration, I am sure, charmed and delighted every one who listened to it; for the Chief Justice wove together materials the most diverse, gathered from many quarters. He has proved himself worthy of the honored line of men whose place he fills, not only as the head of the legal profession, but as the head also of the community to which we are proud to belong, the North Britons of Nova Scotia.

JOHN TAYLOR, ESQ., seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

The CHIEF JUSTICE said: I feel deeply gratified at this expression of thanks. This is the first occasion, since 1860, on which I have delivered a lecture from this

platform, and I am really delighted that I have come here to-day, were it for nothing else than to enjoy the vivifying response which I have seen in the faces of my countrymen.

After which the Hall slowly emptied itself of its fair and gallant company, the procession reformed and marched through the principal streets, which were densely thronged with spectators, to the residence of the Chief Justice on South Street, then through Pleasant Street back to the rendezvous, the Province Building.

THE DINNER.

In the evening the members of the Society and their guests, to the number of about 120, assembled at Mason Hall to close the celebration of the Centenary. The table was loaded with the choicest viands, served up in a most excellent style. The Hall was tastefully decorated with the Banners of the North British and Highland Societies. The Chair was occupied by His Honor Chief Justice Young, President, supported by Cols. Lowry and Martin, Judge Desbarres, Judge Jackson, U.S. Consul, Com. General Routh, Hon. M. B. Almon, Capt. Deveron, H.I.M. Ship *Onandago*, His Worship the Mayor, M. B. Daly, Esq., President of the Charitable Irish Society, and many distinguished citizens and officers of the Army and Navy, James Forman, Esq., Vice-President, occupied the Vice Chair, supported by G. S. Yates, Esq., President of St. George's Society, and M. Liebman, Esq., President of the Germania Society, and other guests. The fine Band of the 4th Regiment was in attendance, and at intervals enlivened the company with sweet music. Nor were the sounds of the pibroch, so pleasing to a Scotchman's ear, wanting. At about half-past nine the cloth was removed, when the drinking of the toasts began.

THE QUEEN—the mother of the people—God bless

her. (National Anthem by the Band, and enthusiastic cheers from the company.)

The Worthy President, in proposing this toast, said that he was about to propose the toast which on festive occasions like the present, rose unbidden to the lips of every Briton. The toast was received with unbounded enthusiasm, the whole company rising and singing the National Anthem.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." (Received with all the honors. *Rule Britannia.*)

"The Emperor of the French and the President of the United States."

The Chairman, in proposing this toast, prefaced it with a few most appropriate remarks, and called upon the Captain of the French iron-clad now in our harbor, to respond on behalf of the former, and Judge Jackson on behalf of the latter. The Captain arose and gracefully returned thanks on behalf of the nation which he represented, for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received; expressed his sincere wish that the English, the French, and American nations might always continue to live in perfect harmony, and said he would bear a most lively recollection of the kindness he had received at the hands of the Halifax citizens during the long and cold winter.

Judge Jackson, in responding to the toast of the President, said he appreciated mostly highly the compliment which had been paid the American President and people, and on his and their behalf he begged to tender his most sincere thanks. He heartily joined with the Chairman and the gallant French Captain in the wish that the three nations spoken of would ever cultivate towards each other feelings of friendship. He paid a high compliment to the position and resources of Nova Scotia, and said it was now a well established fact that the sails of her ships whitened every sea on the globe.

"His Excellency the Governor-General and the Governors of the Sister Provinces." (Governor-General's March.)

This was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

"His Excellency Major-General Doyle; enjoying the esteem of all ranks throughout the Province—absent, but not forgotten."

This was warmly received, as it deserved, for the General, although not a Scotchman, is a favorite with the "Sons of the Heather."

"The Army and Navy, the Safety and Glory of the Empire." (*Rule Britannia*.)

Col. Lowry, in replying to the former, regretted that in the absence of Governor Doyle and Col. Franklyn, it fell to his lot to reply on behalf of the Army. Governor Doyle, he said, from his long residence among us, had become a time-honoured institution. He had no fears whatever but that the Army would continue to do justice to itself in the future as in the past. He heartily concurred in the wish expressed in regard to the subsistence of peaceful relations between the three great nations. Peace was the proper time to prepare for war; he trusted war might never come, but should it, he felt confident the Colonies of England, whether in America or India, would be sending their Militiamen and Volunteers, who were the backbone of the national defence, to aid the Mother Country in fighting her battles. In concluding, he enjoined upon Nova Scotians the necessity of standing true to New Brunswick and Canada. The people of Canada had ever defended and would ever continue to defend that brave old flag, hallowed by so many recollections. It was, therefore, our duty and our interest as British subjects, to cultivate harmony and peace with our Sister Provinces. From these patriotic sentiments we deeply regret there was one man so un-British as openly to express his dissent. Thank God, so far as we could see, he was the only one.

An officer of H.M.S. *Cadmus* replied on behalf of the Navy. His remarks, though brief, were both witty and appropriate.

The Chairman, after reading a few very fine verses of poetry, composed for the occasion by Thomas S. Reid, Esq., one of the Secretaries of the Society, then gave—

“The Founders of the Society,”

which was responded to by Jas. Forman, Esq., V.P., who gave a very interesting account of the Society, of which he has been a member about fifty years, and acted as its Vice-President so long ago as 1824.

“The Masonic Body, with the members of St. Andrew’s Lodge—having their origin on the same day, and celebrating this Centenary with ourselves.” (*Free Mason’s March.*)

Hon. Mr. Keith replied on behalf of the Masonic body. He expressed regret that the Chairman did not belong to that body, which was the oldest and most honored fraternity on earth, and which had as its members: Kings, Princes, Potentates, Jews, Greeks, Gentiles, and Ethiopians; and he hoped soon to propose the worthy Chairman as a candidate for Masonic honors. Alderman Nash responded briefly on behalf of St. Andrew’s Lodge, which was also a Century old.

“The Clergy of all Denominations.”

This was replied to by the Rev. G. M. Grant in his usual happy manner. He paid a fitting tribute to the Clergy, and especially to the Clergy of Scotland, who had done so much to elevate their country. He knew, he said, that the opinion that clergymen were a sort of petticoated gentry who must, like women, miners and Indians, never interfere in politics, was a widely extended one. In the history of Scotland there was a time when the Clergy showed themselves not unworthy of the people from whom they sprung, when they went forth with them and contended for what they believed to be

the true interests of religion, and no bribes, no rewards could induce them to swerve from that path. Now they had much more congenial duties to perform. Religion, he contended, was the backbone of every nation.

Mr. Geo. Buist then sang in capital style:

“Scots wha hae wi’ Wallace bled.”

The next toast was,—

“The Legislature of the Province—may their proceedings always be conducted in a spirit of patriotism, and redound to the public good.—(*March.*)

Hon. M. B. Almon responded on behalf of the Legislative Council, and Hon. Robert Robertson for the House of Assembly, who said that never was there so much unity of action exhibited by any House as the present, and whose members, he believed, were actuated solely by the desire to advance the interests of the Province.

“The Mayor and Corporation.”—(*Corporation March.*)

This toast was responded to by Stephen Tobin, the Mayor, in his usual brilliant manner. He congratulated the Society, in the name of the citizens of Halifax, on the present auspicious occasion. He hoped the next centenary of the Society would find Halifax one of the greatest emporiums of the New World. From the interesting account given by the Chairman in his oration, and the remarks which had just fallen from the Vice-Chairman, he said he was glad to learn that the Society, whose centenary they were then celebrating, had grown with the growth of the city and prospered with its prosperity. It was his ardent wish that it would continue to grow in numbers and usefulness, and that on the occasion of its next centenary the same flag would be seen waving on our streets, the same costume adorn its members, and the same toasts meet with, if possible, a more hearty reception, that had on the present occasion been accorded them.

"The Scottish Universities and the Literature of Scotland—enriched by a thousand associations."

Eloquently responded to by Rev. Chas. M. Grant.

"Our Sister Societies."

This was briefly replied to by Mr. Daly, President of St. Patrick's Society.

"The Bench and Bar of Nova Scotia."

Judge DesBarres responded.

A. M. Uniacke, Esq., replied eloquently on behalf of the Bar.

After a song from Mr. Stirling,

"Our Guests—We bid them a hearty welcome,"

was proposed, and was responded to by Col. Martin, 4th Regiment, and by John Tobin, Esq.

"The Health of the President"

followed, and was received with great warmth by the company. It was responded to by that gentleman briefly but eloquently.

Donald Murray, Esq., then proposed "Charity," coupled with the name of Hon. W. J. Stairs, which was briefly replied to by that gentleman.

"The McGregor's Gathering" was then sung in beautiful style by Mr. Hedley.

"The Fair Daughters of Acadia."

This toast was drunk with the usual demonstrations; but it will be difficult for the Society to get over their unpopularity with a certain portion of the fair sex, who were cruelly disappointed in not having the grand ball, which was promised them, and to which they so fondly looked forward.

"The Land we live in. May she ever, like old Scotland, be the home of the Brave and Free."

"A nation famed for song and beauty's charms,
Zealous (yet modest), innocent though free."

His Worship the Mayor was called on to respond to this toast, which he did with his usual good taste.

“Good night and joy be with you all.”

A number of Volunteer Toasts were then given, and a few songs capitally rendered.

At about 12 o'clock the company sang “Auld Lang Syne,” followed by the National Anthem, and then separated for their homes.

So ended the celebration of the Centenary of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, completing the record of a Century of good work, of charity and patriotism, which have had a good effect in this City, and reflect honor upon Scotsmen who have composed our time-honored Institution. Judging from these Records of its past usefulness, its present position, wealth and numbers, it requires but little prophetic ken to augur that when the next centenary has rolled over our Society, with all the change, expansion and progress that may in that time be reasonably expected, the NORTH BRITISH will then be not only the oldest, but the greatest of the National and Patriotic Institutions of the country, in being the guardian and patron of all objects of Scottish care, whether in the walks of charity, art, literature or arms.

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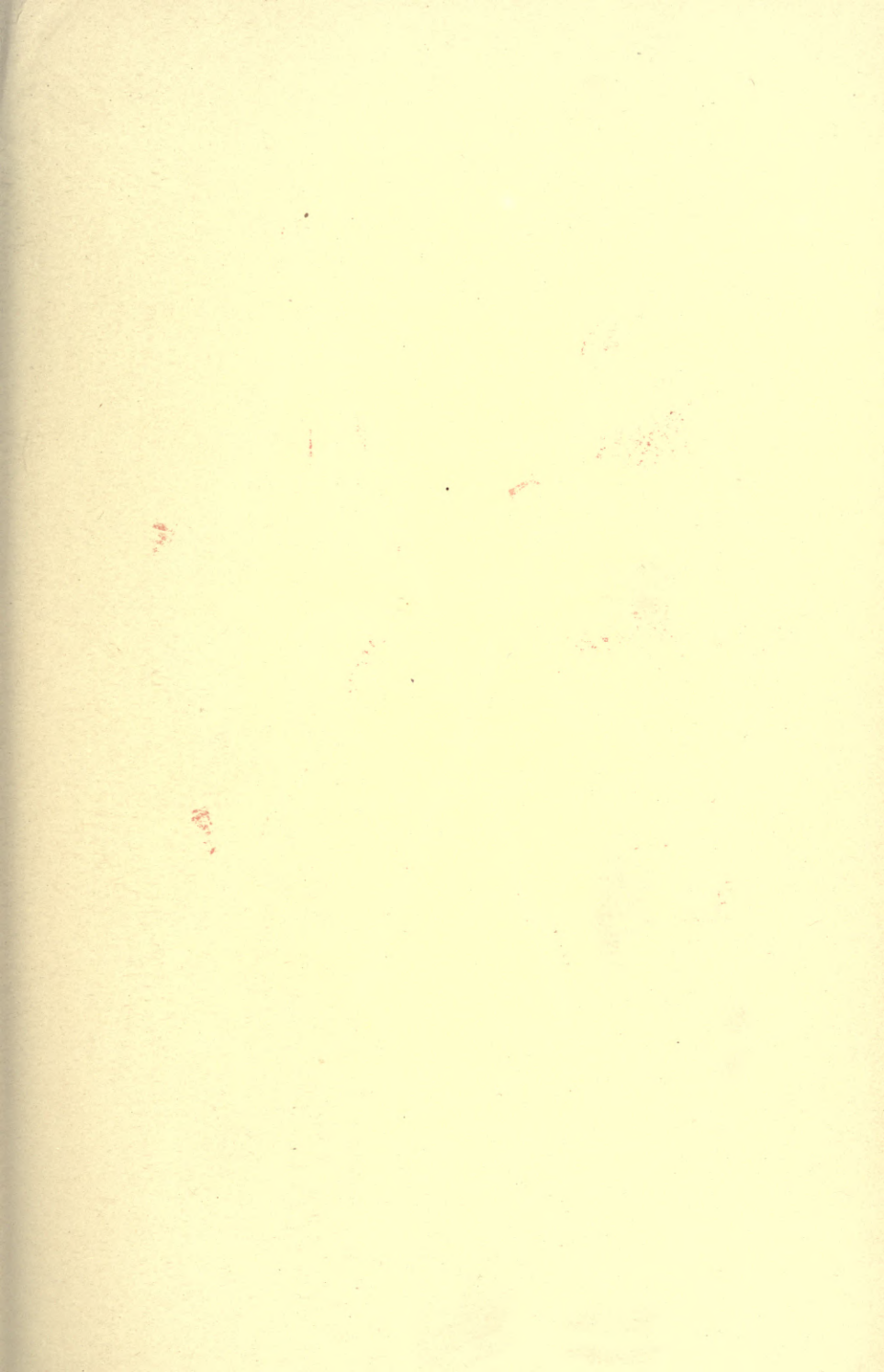
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Anderson, George R.	Grant, Rev. C. M.
Adams, W. O.	Graft, Rev. G. M.
Brander, John	Gibson, John
Buist, George	Graham, Charles
Bremner, J. J.	Gray, Robert
Barton, Andrew	Hunter, James
Brechin, Robert	Hutton, J. Scott
Boyd, John	Inglis, Henry
Brunton, Robt.	Johnston, John H.
Bauld, W. H.	Johnston, William
Cowie, Dr.	Keith, Hon. Alexander
Clarke, Robert D.	Keith, Donald G.
Costley, John	Keith, Donald
Crook, John	Kerr, James
Campbell, Duncan	King, David
Doull, John	Little, George
Fraser, John W.	Lithgow, John
Fraser, Donald	Lawson, Professor
Fraser, James	Murray, Donald
Fraser, W. J.	Murray, William
Fleming, Sandford	Murray, Hugh G.
Grant, Peter	Muir, John P.
Grant, Peter (2nd)	Muir, R. T.
Grant, Duncan	Moir, W. C.

Moir, Alexander	Noble, Robert
Maxwell, Rev. W.	Noble, R. G.
Moyce, Robert	Noble, Samuel
Munro, Hugh	Porter, George
Munro, George	Rhind, William
Malcom, Robert	Riddle, James
Montgomery, William	Ross, Donald
Macdonald, Rev. Charles	Reid, Thos. S.
Macdonald, Prof. Ed. M.	Robertson, Hon. R.
Macdonald, Simon D.	Sinclair, Arch.
M'Donald, Hon. James	Scott, James
M'Donald, John	Scott, Peter
Macdonald, John	Strachan, John
M'Donald, Alexander	Sinclair, Charles
Mackintosh, James C.	Steinson, James
Macdonald, James S.	Stephen, Alexander
Maclean, John S.	Sterling, David
Maclean, George	Sutherland, Dr. W. S.
Maclean, Angus	Sutherland, Alexander
Macleod, Douglas	Sutherland, John
Macleod, A. W.	Thomson, James
Macleod, W. A.	Thomson, Cathcart
McLeod, Angus	Taylor, Capt. John
McQueen, Charles	Taylor, John
McKay, Adam	Taylor, Benj. A.
McNee, John	Taylor, Geo.
McKenzie, John	Taylor, Charles
McKerron, Wm.	Wilson, J. R.
McEwan, James	Wallace, James
McLachlin, John	Watson, John
McNab, Joseph D.	Wallace, Andrew
McNab, John	White, James
MacIlreath, Maurice	Young, Hon. Chief Justice
Maccoush, James	Young, John B.

HONORARY.

Anderson, Chas.	Matheson, James
Barron, Alex.	Miller, Wm., London
Brown, Jas.	Miller, Robt., London
Beverly, Wm.	More, W. S.
Cameron, John	Macdonald, Duncan
Cameron, Alex.	McDonald, Alex.
Cameron, John	McKenna, W. D.
Currie, Geo.	McDonald, Archd.
Crerar, John	McDonald, D. H., Dr.
Drillio, John	McDougall, M.,
Fraser, John	McGregor, John
Fraser, Wm.	McIntosh, Robt.,
Fraser, Rod.	McKay, Alex.,
Fraser, Alex.	McPhee, Alex.
Falconer, David	Munro, Frank
Forman, Robt.	Munro, George
Grant, Robt.	Munro, Hugh
Gray, James	Muir, Capt. Hugh
Griffin, Capt.	Patterson, David
Green, Donald	Petrie, David
Hay, Hon. J. C. Dalrymple	Rankin, Neil,
Hope, Vice Admiral Sir Jas.,	Robertson, J. A.
K.C.B.	Scott, Alex., Glasgow
Hunter, Capt. David	Smith, Murdoch
Johnston, Capt. A.	Smith, Wm.
Johnston, David	Waddell, Robert
Malcom, James	Waddell, Duncan
Mason, Capt.	







"The Lion Rampant."

"St. Andrew's Jack."

"Scottish Standards"
as authorised by Lyon King of Arms.
Edinburgh, Scotland.

1868-1893

1868.

THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY entered upon a second Century of good fellowship and Charity, in a position to outstrip all previous records.

With a splendid roll of members, embracing the leading Scotsmen of the City, a large invested fund and a Century behind it of accumulated experience, memories and prestige contributed by generations of kindly, honorable countrymen who had enjoyed its genial and elevating friendship, its position was influential and its prospects brilliant and promising.

At its head Chief Justice Young, the most brilliant lawyer of his time in British America, subsequently a great benefactor of the Institution, assisted by a staff of office-bearers who each and all were active, enthusiastic and long identified with the Society. The various meetings during the year were well attended. The following were elected members at the May, August and November meetings:

Alex. Finnie,	Geo. Mitchell,
Wm. Hedley,	Geo. Thomson,
J. T. McAlpine,	Jos. Outram, Sr.,
Wm. Nisbet,	R. Malcom, Jr.,
Wm. Bauld,	Dr. T. R. Fraser,
Robt. Taylor,	Jos. Outram, Jr.,
Jas. Goldie,	Edward Morrison,
J. C. Robertson,	

making 38 additions to the Roll for the year.

The following were at the Annual Meeting elected Honorary Members:

Dr. Robt. Collins, Staff Surgeon;
W. J. Fraser.

The Committee on Publication of Annals reported at August quarterly meeting that 300 copies had been

printed during the recess at a cost of \$300; that the work had been accomplished to the satisfaction of the Society and all concerned. The Account was ordered to be paid, and the unanimous thanks of the Society voted to Jas. S. Macdonald for the volume of Annals he had compiled and issued, so soon after completion of Centenary of Society.

At the annual meeting, which was largely attended, the various reports presented were very satisfactory and encouraging. John Gibson was unanimously elected a Perpetual Member by payment of \$40.

The following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year:

Charles Murdoch,	<i>President;</i>	
Wm. Murray,	<i>Vice-President;</i>	
David Sterling,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice-President;</i>	
Donald Murray,	<i>Junr. do.;</i>	
Jas. J. Bremner,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
Jas. S. Macdonald,	} <i>Secretaries;</i>	
Thos. S. Reid,		
Geo. Esson,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>	
Alex. Stephen,		
Donald Keith,		
Maurice McIlreith,		
Jas. Hunter,		
Jas. Steinson,	} <i>Back Dues.</i>	
Angus McLeod,		
John McKenzie,	} <i>Pipers;</i>	
John Patterson,		
Capt. Robt. Brechin,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. W. Maxwell,	<i>Chaplain;</i>	
John Patterson,	<i>Messenger.</i>	

The President elect, Charles Murdoch, was a gentleman long connected with the Society, "rich beyond the dreams of avarice," and a brother of Wm. Murdoch, a recent benefactor. The compliment paid himself and family by his elevation to the Chair was greatly appre-

ciated by Mr. Murdoch, and he determined to fill his term with honor to himself and all concerned. The Festival of Saint Andrew, the great occasion of the year, when the Society makes its annual grand appearance before the public, and upon which much of the success of the coming year depends,—for a successful celebration means attracting new members to the Institution,—was the subject of great preparation. Four preparatory meetings were held at the Halifax Hotel, attended by a majority of the members. Each meeting was equal in good cheer and fellowship to an ordinary Society dinner. It is needless to say a function so well prepared, proved a triumphant success. It was the first celebration in the second century of the Society's existence, and so important a Festival had a record to make, to serve as a model and guide to all successors. It proved so, as it far surpassed in interest, in finish of detail and enthusiasm, all that had 'been heard of, even by the oldest member.

This long remembered FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW was held at the Halifax Hotel. The great dining hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion with banners, flowers, etc., was packed by a most enthusiastic company. The President, Mr. Murdoch, presided with dignity and effect, surrounded by the leading men of the Society, Community, Public Departments, Army and Navy, and other distinguished guests. In all about 140 were present. The dinner, a most elaborate one, elegantly tabled, was a credit to the Hessleins.

The *Haggis*, a grand one, was duly honored by the company rising as it entered, preceded by Pipers Matheson, McKenzie, and Patterson, who played it thrice around the company before its final resting before the President at the head of the table. The strains of the Pibroch, exhilarating even on a distant hill, were particularly soul-stirring when poured with might and main by three such clansmen as those in charge of the Pipes at the dinner.

At 9 o'clock the cloth was removed and the honoring of about 25 toasts followed, all pledged in champagne, provided by the President in honor of his elevation to the Chair of the Society. The wine was choice (Widow Cliquot), it flowed generously, unmarked by excess on the part of any member of the appreciative company present. But even a greater surprise was in store. When the President rose to propose the toast of "Our Guests," he drew attention to a short poem he had composed for the occasion, a printed copy of which was then furnished to each guest. In a few moments the distribution was completed, and the toast given by the President, after he had partly read the following, which was received enthusiastically:

TOAST.

OUR GUESTS.

At the Festival of St. Andrew's Dinner.

1868.

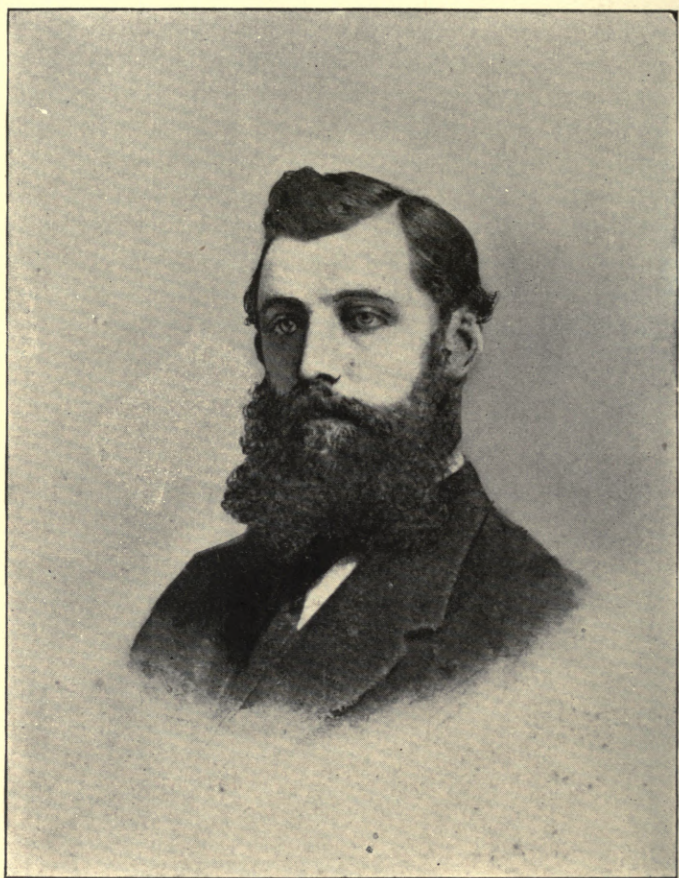
We give a hearty welcome to Our Guests
Who vie with us in all good works,
Praiseworthy let us this course pursue,
And show the world our hearts are ever true.

This Charitable Society now requests
Their fellow creatures, brither Scots,
To read its rules, with honest hearts,
And join us to relieve the Scots.

They then will have it in their power
To interpose with good effect,
For claimants of the native soil,
Or of Scotch parentage residing here.

The Scotchmen here in 1768
Did form themselves into a Sacred band,
To help their brithers from old Scotia's shore,
Who seek their fortune in new Scotia's land.

The present Chief Justice, thanks to him a native Scot,
Delivered an oration no vera lang syne,
Expatiating an the guid effects of this Association,
But he weel kens it's no perfection,
Although a century in operation.



JOHN BROOKING YOUNG

Needless to say, the above created a bran new sensation.

Beamish Murdoch, the brilliant Historian of Nova Scotia, most eloquently responded, and closed with proposing the health of the President, which was feelingly acknowledged. The company separated at an early hour, after a most joyous and soul-stirring celebration of the Anniversary, or as notices of early festivals of the Society express it on the ancient record, in great mirth, harmony, jollity and Scots feeling.

Biographical Notes—1868.

John B. Young, son of Geo. R. Young, a former President, nephew of Sir Wm. Young, also a President, and grandson of Hon. John Young (Agricola), who filled the Chair in 1827, was born at Halifax in 1839, studied Civil Engineering, and passed a splendid examination in 1864. Joined the Society in 1868; a popular and talented man, was unfortunately lost in the steamer City of Boston, which left Halifax for Liverpool, G.B., January 28th, 1870, and was never heard of after leaving port. His sad taking off was greatly regretted by the members.

Rev. Charles M. Grant, born in Nova Scotia, 1837, student for the Ministry at Edinburgh, and came to Halifax in 1865 and was called to the charge of St. Andrew's Church. In 1870 he resigned and went to Scotland, and was selected by the India Mission of the Established Church of Scotland to take charge of an important teaching post in Madras, India. After several years' service he returned to Scotland, and was called to the important charge of the Martyrs Church, Dundee. He joined the Society in 1867, was elected Chaplain 1869, and while in Halifax took an active interest in the work of the membership.

1869.

The meetings this year were interesting to all concerned, great interest being manifested in the proceedings; the President, an ordinarily quiet and reserved gentleman, conducting the business of the Society in a most unexpectedly vigorous manner.

The following gentlemen were admitted members:—

James Godfrey Smith (an eminent member, who subsequently rendered great service to the Institution, and whose father and grandfather were in their generations distinguished for their zeal in the Society's interest).

Donald Scott,	A B. Aylmour,
Andrew Leitch,	Jas. A. Grant,
Hon. William Garvie,	Rev. John Campbell,
Walter McFarlane,	E. H. Reeves,
Robt. Brunton.	

The following were placed on the list of Perpetual Members during the year:

Robert Noble,
Sandford Fleming,
Capt. John Taylor,
John Doull.

At the Annual Meeting the subject of suppers being discussed, it was decided in future to have one hot supper at the Annual Meeting, and at the remaining three Quarterly Meetings, cold suppers. This subject appears to be up for discussion every third year, members not attending finding fault with expenditure for Society's good fellowship.

The Treasurer's report showed \$600 had been expended by Charity Committee during the past year, and that the funds of the Society were steadily accumulating.

The President received the thanks of the Society for his generous conduct as Chairman during the past year.



REV. CHARLES M. GRANT

The following were elected office-bearers:—

William Murray, *President*;

David Sterling, *Vice-President*;

Wm. Montgomery, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;

Wm. Grant, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

J. J. Bremner, *Treasurer*;

Jas. S. Macdonald, }
Thos. S. Reid, } *Secretaries*;

A. K. Doull, }
Geo. Mitchell, }
J. S. Maclean, } *Committee*
Geo. Esson, } *of*
Donald Keith, } *Charity*;

Douglas McLeod, *Marshal*;

Patterson, and McKenzie, *Pipers*;

John Patterson, *Messenger*.

Over 70 members were present at the Annual Meeting. The supper which followed was a great success, the President winding up his term of office with his usual liberality. The verdict of the Society being, "It will be long ere we look upon his like again."

The Festival of Saint Andrew was duly celebrated by the Society and guests dining together at the Halifax Hotel. President Murray well discharged his duties as Chairman, Wm. Montgomery filling the Vice-Chair. Toast, song and sentiment filled the time until 1 a.m., when the company separated, well pleased with a most satisfactory celebration of the Annual Festival.

It proved the last meeting of the President with the Society, as he was lost in the ill-fated "S.S. City of Boston," which left Halifax for Liverpool, G.B., at noon on 28th January, 1870, and was never heard of after leaving port. Two hundred perished with her, among them three esteemed members, viz.:—The President, Wm. Murray, A. K. Doull, and John B. Young.

Biographical Notes—1869.

William Murray, a native of Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, a leading dry-goods merchant, was one of the most popular and upright men in Halifax. He was ever loyal to the Society, and induced many of the younger men of the community to join its ranks. He was widely known throughout the Province, and his death was the cause of great regret.

John C. Halliburton, born at Halifax, 1801, son of Sir Brenton Halliburton, President of the Society in 1818, and grandson of Hon. Dr. Halliburton, who was elected President in 1787, was long connected with the Bar of Nova Scotia, having been admitted in 1829, and was for fifty years Clerk of Council. He joined the Society in 1838, was elected a Perpetual Member in 1866, and ever was ready with advice or purse to forward any movement of a patriotic or benevolent object. Mr. Halliburton died in 1884.

1870.

The quarterly meetings were held at the Halifax Hotel, and were well attended. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, David Sterling, conducted the business to the satisfaction of the Society.

The following gentlemen were elected Ordinary Members during the year:

Robert Baxter,	C. W. Anderson,
Jes. Reeves, Jr.,	W. C. Anderson,
John McCulloch,	Rev. Jas. Fraser Campbell.

Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, 78th Highlanders, was elected to the honorary list.



WILLIAM MURRAY



JOHN C. HALLIBURTON



Resolutions of sympathy with families of the President, William Murray, A. K. Doull, Chairman of Committee of Charity, and John B. Young, were passed, the two first particularly regretted, as they had long been leading members of the Institution.

At the Annual Meeting the following were chosen to direct the Society for 1871:

Donald Murray,	<i>President;</i>
Geo. Buist,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
John P. Muir,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice.;</i>
Adam McKay,	<i>Junr. Asst. do.;</i>
Jas. J. Bremner,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Jas. S. Macdonald,	} <i>Secretaries;</i>
Thos. S. Reid,	
Robt. F. Watt,	<i>Marshal;</i>
Geo. Mitchell,	} <i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Donald Scott,	
John S. Maclean,	
Alex. Stephen,	
Donald Keith,	
Rev. John Campbell,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
Patterson and McKenzie,	<i>Pipers;</i>
John Patterson,	<i>Messenger.</i>

At the Annual Supper eleven officers of the 78th Highlanders were present; they came accompanied by four pipers; quite a lively meeting, Scottish wit, song, sentiment and music, all contributing to a most enjoyable evening. The Festival of Saint Andrew was duly celebrated by the Society and guests, numbering 100, dining together at the Halifax Hotel. The President, Donald Murray, in the chair, Geo. Buist, Vice. Among the distinguished guests were Col. McKenzie and several officers of the 78th Highlanders then in garrison; the Lieutenant-Governor, Chief Justice Young, and a large number of prominent men passing through the City at

the time. The toast list was disposed of by 2 a.m., and proved a most enjoyable celebration. The Regimental pipers were there in force, and gave in concert several fine pieces of Highland music, which were greatly appreciated.

1871.

Under perhaps the most popular President that has ever filled the Chair of the Society, the Institution was kept well to the front. It was an eventful year, marked by the celebration of the Centenary of Sir Walter Scott, and the warm Scottish feeling thereby evoked. The President, by his ardor and enthusiasm, attracted many of his countrymen to the Society, as the following list of members, elected during the year, shows most unmistakably:

W. Myers Gray,	W. C. Menzies,
John Smith,	J. Brenton Gordon,
Donald Reid,	Chas. Sutherland,
Robt. Scott,	Wm. Hood,
Howard Maclean,	Robt. W. Macdonald,
Alex. W. McNab,	John Muir,
William Taylor,	John Cormack,
John D. Mackintosh,	Angus G. Macdonald,
A. F. Muir,	William Johnston,
Andrew Dewar,	H. Porteous,
John Donald,	Dr. Gordon,
Dr. A. P. Reid,	Archibald Miller,
Saml. Crawford,	John Campbell,
John Cairns,	W. A. Hendry,
G. H. Middleton,	John McInnes,
Geo. H. Taylor,	Thos. H. Mitchell,
Jas. Harold,	John Hunter,
John Ewing,	Jas. Hutton, Jr.,
Wm. Bishop,	Robt. Cunningham.

Geo. W. J. Clarke.

And the following were elected Honorary Members:

Capt. Graham,	}	<i>78th Highlanders.</i>
“ Colin MacKenzie,		
“ Murray,		
“ Finlay,		
“ Stuart,		
Lieut. Callender,		
Lieut. Fordyce,		
Bandmaster McElheny.		
Hon. Chas. J. Campbell,		
John Crook,		
Capt. Jamieson, R.N.,		
Sir Hugh Allan.		

This year copies of the Annals of the Society were presented to sister Canadian Societies, the 78th Regimental Library, and in various ways disposed of in the interests of the Society by the office-bearers, by direction of members.

Letters of condolence were sent to families of John B. Campbell and Peter Grant, Senr., leading members recently deceased. Few societies have had the good fortune of having such enthusiastic members as those recently lost.

The celebration of the Sir Walter Scott Centenary was taken charge of by the Society and was a magnificent success. The presence of the 78th Highlanders in the City added greatly to the interest of this great Scottish commemoration.

Several special meetings were held early in the summer to arrange for the due carrying out of the matter, and on August 15th a splendid programme was presented and carried out most successfully and enthusiastically.

The Hon. Sir Wm. Young was Hon. Chairman. President Murray, Hon. Alex. Keith, President of Highland Society of Nova Scotia, the Col. and officers of the

78th Highlanders, and all the leading Scottish element of the Province participated. Thos S. Reid, Asst. Secretary of the Society, was elected Hon. Secretary, and upon him fell most of the labor and anxiety incumbent upon such a celebration. The programme was a grand one. On Tuesday morning a magnificent procession of all the Scotchmen of the City formed at Province Building, embracing: The NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, the Highland Society, the Scottish Rifles, the Caledonian Club, Col. MacKenzie, Officers and 700 men of the 78th Highlanders, with 16 Pipers, and representatives of Scottish clubs throughout the Province.

The march led to Temperance Hall, which was packed by a most enthusiastic auditory. On the splendidly-decorated platform Chief Justice Young presided, supported by the Lieut.-Governor, Sir C. Hastings Doyle, and surrounded by the grandest Scottish company ever assembled in Halifax. In introducing the orator of the day, Sir William spoke of the great fortune of the Society in having a member so fitted by birth, education and devoted admiration of Scott to pronounce the eulogy, as the Hon. William Garvie. It may here be mentioned that the selection of an orator for the occasion was left with a committee of three members of the Society—three of the most eloquent men on the continent,—Sir Wm. Young, Rev. G. M. Grant and Hon. Wm. Garvie, with the understanding that one of the three would accept the honor. The subject was a grand one, "*The Genius of Scott*," and either of them was eminently fitted to cover himself with glory in presenting the enchanter. A wise selection was made in the choice falling on Garvie, for this particular occasion, as he was the most naturally fitted for the position. Of commanding presence, agreeable manner, good gesture, with a pleasing Scottish accent, which added a resonant richness to the defined tones of a naturally well modulated voice, an unlimited



HON. WILLIAM GARVIE

command of most expressive language, combined with choice imagery, made him the very beau ideal of an orator on such an interesting and patriotic occasion. His eulogy on Sir Walter Scott was pronounced his finest effort, and is one of the few remains of a talented countryman who bade fair, had he survived, to have stood foremost in the ranks of the most brilliant orators of his time. His early death was greatly deplored by the Society and Nova Scotians.

After Sir William Young's brilliant introduction, the Hon. William Garvie spoke as follows. Although, of course, he had studied the matter as one which would naturally survive him, it was delivered free of note, or any accessory help whatever, and to his applauding audience appeared the very inspiration of the moment:

ORATION.

Mr. Chief Justice, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When I was first asked to perform the responsible duty which has fallen upon me this morning, it was my hope and expectation that I should not be to a great extent unsupported. I had the hope that at this celebration Halifax would have presented upon this platform two other gentlemen whose ability and eloquence and literary attainments would not only have relieved me of a very large portion of the responsibility of which I speak, but would have accumulated a greater degree of attraction and of success in the occasion, a part of which through their exertions I should share. The names of the esteemed and patriotic countrymen mentioned were a warrant to all who knew them of eloquent and able and patriotic and instructive addresses; and it is with the sincerest possible regret that I find that their views, as to their own duties, and their own responsibilities, preclude them from coming forward and giving me that gallant assistance they know so well how to afford. High

calls of duty in their professional walks, arduous work in their conscientious and important trust in the representative assemblies of the Church are, I understand, the reasons why I am deprived of the advantage of the association of these gentlemen to-day. And I feel this all the more as I stand here now, never having overcome to a great extent the nervousness with which I always face a public assemblage. Standing here and feeling that the subject is in so many respects too vast for me, with all this array of fashion and beauty and talent, I almost need the inspiration with which the Chief Justice discoursed upon the presence of the ladies, and almost desire myself to be a Chief Justice, so well to be able to speak as boldly upon so delicate a subject (applause and laughter), standing here addressing this audience upon a subject which it is impossible for any man adequately to touch upon or discuss. Coming in this morning, my friend, the President of the Highland Society, Donald Ross, handed me this talisman of his country, this bunch of heather, with which to inspire my failing courage; and if further inspiration were needed—perhaps in my case, not being a Chief Justice, it was derived from those martial strains which thrilled every heart in this assemblage—the music of my sires, the music to which they marched over craig and steep to battle in the olden times, the airs which led them to stand up for Scotland, and to do their best, as I shall try to do to-day. (Applause.) The scene around me recalled an occasion of my boyhood in Edinburgh when that great capital shone forth upon a grey and gloomy morning, such as was this, years ago, to inaugurate the monument of Walter Scott, in Princes Street, to place the crowning finish on that splendid sculptured gothic ideal by the great magician's statue. Walking through the streets of Royal Edinboro', every peak and turret in her ancient walls flaunting with banners like the lists at "Ashby de la Zouche," every grey pinnacle was covered with the memorials of a Scottish

greatness that has not departed; the old castle looming up, and all ready to break forth and join in the applause of the people, the flower of the Scottish nobility—a great crowd—marching along, under one of the concomitants of such important occasions, a Scotch mist; with the roar of old historic guns upon the parapets, the canvas fell away before the touch of the ladies, and out came the marble proportions of the wizard, in his habit, as he lived, and out came a roar of applause from that great crowd. It was more than the mere idle clamour of the street; it came right up from every Scottish heart along that mile of moving crowd. (Applause.) Why was all that then, and why is this to-day? Who was this enchanter that can never die, it seems? Who was this man who communicated to the world a motion like the first motion to the moving water, which makes every succeeding circle larger? Who was this soldier, or captain, or statesman? This was ‘the man, who more than soldier or than statesman perhaps, raised the renown of Scotland in these latter days. This, to-day, is a mark that the world has widened slowly down perhaps, but still broadly, from precedent to precedent, and that unlike as in olden time, the homage of a people, the immortality of a nation’s homage were only given to men who had led the battalions to the field, or who had advised in the counsels. Now society comes forth to do a freer and a franker and a greater homage to the man who has gone into their homes, heightened their imaginations, and glorified their lives with beauty and with the sense of higher emotion and with mighty intellectual ideas. And that is the reason why we meet to-day, why not only Scotchmen but all men speaking the English language meet. Upon this day one hundred years ago Sir Walter Scott was born; and there was little thought perhaps then in the world of the mighty revolution to be wrought in letters, since Europe had just finished her seven years’ war, and her soldiers were at rest. The

intellectual world was stilled. Upon that day, upon the very afternoon that Scott was born, a young Lieutenant of Artillery, a young cadet in a French military school, was entertaining his comrades to celebrate his own birthday; upon that afternoon Napoleon Buonaparte, a young artilleryman celebrating his own birthday, was already dreaming of that greatness which should illuminate Europe, and which the pen of Scott should memorialize. Upon that morning another poet, a schoolboy, one Robt. Burns, was walking to Dalrymple school with a stolen volume of "Peregrine Pickle," perhaps, under his arm, and Smollett, who had given to Scotland one of the parting lustres of that century, was slowly dying, leaving the stage clear for the coming genius. The English language, as far as regards poetry and fiction, had been sinking down from high ideals. The fiction of that age, excepting the racy and strong English of Fielding and Smollett, had become gross as the time was, and where it was not gross it had been so covered over and mildewed with sickly sentimentality, that, perhaps, the grosser reading was the better. The poets of the age had sunk into a spurious classicism, calling things not by honest names, but borrowing these from an older time, having no fitness to the sullen British skies, and having no reference to the comforts and improvements of British life, having their origin among the marble ruins of Greece. Under those circumstances, perhaps, one of the greatest writers that attracts our attention, and in some respects attracts mostly my own, is that "Junius" who took the language which Walpole was wasting in gossip and Chesterfield using for the maxims of a dancing master; and, as the "Great Unknown" was forging that same language to the most powerful political instrument.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to proceed, Mr. Chairman, after your careful and accurate survey of his boyhood and early life, to speak at any great length about the incidents in the personal history of Walter Scott. He

was a Borderer, although born in Edinburgh; he had all the spirit of his roving race,—dull at books, dull at Greek, and forgetting even its alphabet; very much like the sons of that old Douglas who regretted that he had ever taught one of them to read or write, except the boy bishop, Gawian. He would not touch a book unless it were a collection of border ballads, having seemingly in school nothing to do but forget his lessons, if he got them, and to keep only these appointments for fighting in the playground, which are perhaps the sternest and severest duties of any boy that goes to school in Edinburgh. A lame lad was he indeed, but the border spirit placed him on one foot while he fought with the other, and to give the lame boy fair play they used to bring a plank into the playground and lash the boys together, so that the lame lad should have steadfast support. He was then taken home in his sickly boyhood, when men might despair that he would live at all. It was expected that he would be a mere waif in the current of Edinboro' society. He was led away out of the high school, for Providence did not intend him to edit a new Greek grammar, but meant him to illuminate the south of his country with his genius, and sent him from the High School to study. Lying at length on the Braes of Selkirk, and listening to the roar of the Tweed, young Scott caught that inspiration which all of us admire, the voice of his ancestry on the night-rolling breath of the gale, stirring his heart. And if he could not imitate, at least he could commemorate the martial valor displayed in times of old.

Possibly the Chief Justice might object, if I were to suggest that, as the next best substitute for lifting English cattle over the borders, the taking from his neighbor his neighbor's goods, Walter Scott became a lawyer. Looking simply to the elevation of his son in the social scale, he himself a writer to the signet, doing a fair practice among the lords and country gentlemen

who frequented Edinburgh, his father chose that the son should walk the floors of the Parliament House; and young Scott went to the Bar, with what success the Chairman has informed this audience; and at the Bar, perhaps, was far more noted for the excellence of his stories and for the eagerness with which he caught from some old witness from the borders her muttered memories of an old-time ballad, than for any careful inquiries into points of law, the innumerable and terrible and mysterious epithets of Scottish jurisprudence. It is clear that Providence did not intend this man to remain over desk and over deed, and taking to the law as I am proud to say many a great man did in Scotland, because, although it may be the Lybian desert, it is the arid nurse of many a lion, taking to that uninviting profession, Scott was, even then, training his genius to take in all the sides of the Scottish character, and one can scarcely begrudge him the four years that he walked with idle hands and empty pockets through Parliament House, when we remember that in return for that he got but four hundred pounds for his famous character in *Red Gauntlet*, *Peebles* vs. *Plainstaines* and Counsellor Pleydell, which charmed not only his own generation, but this, and will later ones. And having that legal training, he was enabled to obtain such appointments as formed for him the staff on which he could rest his domestic cares, and give his right hand to the labors that he loved—to the field of literature. It is a remarkable thing in his young training, that burly, hearty and passionate young Scotchman that he was, he had his whole life so regulated by a high standard of moral control, he had all his emotions so well disciplined, and after a youthful disappointment he remembered that he was not only a Scotsman, but bound to be a Scottish gentleman, and, unlike Byron, who turned and mutilated all the purer and all the lovelier elements in woman's nature, Scott, instead of writing a *Don Juan*, produced in his writings only a higher ideal of womanhood to grace

his song and to sparkle forth in the pages of his romances. Pierced to the heart as he was, his agony brought forth the pearl alone. So in Scott's case, although his love had such a hold upon his nature that, thirty years afterwards, he could scarcely write her name in his journal without the deepest thrill of emotion, yet in all his lines of romantic song, and in his passages of romantic story he has never sneered at womanhood; has never violated the sacred sanctity that surrounds with matchless grace the better half of society.

At thirty years of age Scott was perhaps, in the eyes of the world, nothing better than an unsuccessful humorist, and a moderately talented Edinburgh lawyer. But just about that time he recalled to his mind the earlier exercise of his manhood, in German stories and German legend, and resolved to show from the stores of his own land to the world those ideals of chivalry, those principles of liberty, that chivalrous devotion to woman, and that undying love of country which accounted for the first time to many in the world for the higher features of the Scottish character. Then the transition came easily to his own chivalrous "*Lay of the last Minstrel*." The man who had done so well, whose wizard touch can be recognized in the setting of many an old moss trooping song, could pass most easily to an epic of Scottish history himself, and took at once, and with a marvelous readiness and stride, his place in the charmed circle of Scottish poets as its second Scottish epic bard. He had not Homer's rank, for that was Ossian's. He, like Homer, could set the battle in array better than any man that never dropped the lance to lift the pen. He, more than any man, could make the bosom thrill to read the glowing page, to see there the fight between two men like dark Roderick and the knight of Snowdon, where every point and every attitude, and every breath seems instinct with the fury of the combat; or else, with the magnificent blazonry of a great enchanter, call up again with the

magic of his wizard glass that closing scene in Marmion, where the standards reel and sway and toss, and pennons fall and rise again, and the ranks of men clash, co-mingle and break, and return and break again like a vast volume of water upon the sullen craigs. I have spoken of the great old father of all epic song, the first recorder of martial deeds, he who saved Agamemnon from that obscurity which rested on others as great as he, because they had no poet. He stands up in the early dawn of poetry with the roseate flush of early human renown upon his shoulders. And so it is with Ossian. There is a scene in Germany where, if a man stands on the brink of a precipice, and looks before him, there rises a spectral vision of another, greater, grander and loftier than himself, yet so like him that it proves the shadow of himself. And take a moss-trooper from Scott's pages, take one of those tartaned warriors in front of me and place them in front of the misty poetry of Ossian, at once will rise, like the spectre of the Brocken, a martial figure like theirs—their tartaned ancestry, fresh from the feast in the "hall of shells" shadowy and misty, but still, although gigantic, yet the same. And as we stand here to-day, this martial garb of old Gaul links the 19th century to the heroes that followed the wild boar with Ossian and Fingal and his son Osca over the hills of the Western Isles. If I were to regard Scottish poetry as typified by a Scottish mountain, I would give to Ossian the awful mists that cap the highland hills, give Burns the torrent, the lea rig and the hazel glen, but give to Walter Scott the fortalice and those old jeweled windows that crowned the crags; give him the feudal splendor that, when the night comes down, illuminates their battlemented walls; give him the glamor of the moonlight on Melrose Abbey that hides all that turns into ruin in the dark and brings out only like his own magic verse those fairy and beautiful stone memorials that teach men how to live and how to love and how to pray.

It might be perhaps supposed that one could go at some length into the character of Scott's poetic writings, for which, as has been already noticed, I have not claimed the highest place, but time will not permit. The great charm of his writing has been this, however—and it extends also to his prose reputation—that in modern literature he stands the great interpreter, the great historian, so to speak, of feudalism. He has caught all that was chivalric and grand and glittering in feudalism, not only out of Scottish history and among the Scottish hills, but over the broad continent of Christendom, and brought it glowing with the matchless splendor that it won on the dusky shores of old romance, to shine still more splendidly in the later light of this 19th century. Walter Scott, as the poet of feudalism, may be understood at once. Scotchmen generally seek to interpret him as the exponent exclusively of Scottish feeling and of Scottish impulse; but perhaps I may, before I close, show that in some respects the feudalism that existed in Scott's nature carried him away from too closely and too accurately appreciating those elements in the Scottish character which have not been observed by feudal recollections. His artistic spirit made him take up the barren moors in the debatable lands of the borders, and out of these to form a scene of enchantment which surpasses in its splendour even that history of the heraldic field of the Cloth of Gold. What has Scott done for Scotland? I may say with reverence that Scott has done in these latter times almost everything for Scotland; Scott has made that land famous to the ends of the earth. Her sons have no doubt done much for her, but it was Scott's place to save for humanity in its highest perfection, those better features of Scottish nature and Scottish history which mankind cannot willingly let die, and yet his poetry was but the porch to his greater genius. His novels, his greatest masterfield of fiction, was the widest, the most imperial domain in which he laid tribute upon the history

of Europe, and of which he gave in bounty to the posterity of the world. Scott, writing up the romances of his country, seems to me in many respects to resemble that ancestor of his, Sir Michael Scott, the wizard buried in his grave, having his book of might within his clasp. When William of Deloraine lifted the slab and let forth midnight from the wizard's grave, out shone the unearthly splendor of a mighty Scottish wizard, and the wonder of his book of might filled with secrets of glamor and secrets of splendor, of all that was wonderful in the magic of mediaeval times, rested in a hand that could never feel the grave, rested upon a bosom that the Earth itself could not consume. He seemed, as the poet says, as if he had but been one day dead, resting there with his book of might. But what, after all, was the genius of Sir Michael, sitting in his cell in Salamanca, which set the great bells ringing and rolling in Notre Dame, when Sir Walter Scott, sitting in Abbotsford, might wave his pen and make the whole world thrill with its reverberations, one part of which is felt in this hall to-day? (Applause.) Why, it was because he had not the incantation of an alchemist, but the divine gift of genius. And this is a mark in this latter age that genius now has come forward before the people as the object of homage, as the object of society's applause, of society's earnest endeavor to retain, and so to speak, give to it a charm of immortality.

Sir Walter Scott took his readers to the barren moorland, to the wide and traceless waste, nothing perhaps but the solitary gloom from gathering thunder clouds illuminating the scene, broken it might be here and there by nameless burns, and here and there perhaps could be tracked on the waste of moor and heather, a headless cross, a ruined shrine without a name and with a half forgotten history. Look at that great moor and see Scott's eye kindle as he gazes toward the glittering tarn and all above the purple fells, and then see as the genius works him, that the purple fells appear to him the

tossing of the clansmen's tartans, and that the broad lakes glittering in the sun seemed to him the polished targes of the border; and see, here come the men whose very names sound like the lines through a book of the Iliad. Rough and ready the names may be, as were those of all the rough and ready border chiefs; still their names have been made immortal. These men, from the ranks up to the leaders, to the bold Buccleuch, to Home, and Murray, and all the chiefs, the Elliots and Armstrongs—renowned in the history of the Scottish borders—these men come trooping before our gaze, and with them the haughty dames and fair maidens, the Duchess, the Lady Margaret, and all that charmed and glorified the social life of Scotland in the feudal times, come back again like shadows in a magic glass before the call of the enchanter. That itself would have been a reputation that would have been worth resting upon and trusting to an immortality. But Scott again was led, and as one might say, so strangely are the lives of men laid out before them by hand of Fate, almost by accident again to walk beyond the Gothic porch of his genius. Looking in a drawer of fishing tackle he finds the manuscript of an old story he had commenced. A few weeks finished it, and going off upon his fishing excursion, he comes back to find the whole land ringing with the wonder and renown of this unknown new planet that had swum into the literary vision of Edinboro' and of Britain. Coming back to find himself unexpectedly famous and unaware how to meet it, resolving to keep a secret that he had never first meditated, putting forth *Waverley*, flinging it forth carelessly, not as Sir Philip Francis threw down the jewels in the King's Court, that he durst not stoop down to lift, but throwing it forth with carelessness and lavish ease characteristic of his genius, into English society, he found from that hour the novel of *Waverley* had concentrated in one bond Scotland and England. And pardon me if on this occasion I put my own land

first. For what was the act of Parliament to Waverley? Scott and Waverley took up the old sores that men still felt from the field of "Culloden"—took them up and justified the ardent chivalry of the Scottish clansmen, and justified them to Englishmen, and made Englishmen admire what for so long a time they had frowned down upon and tried to repress. Say that Scott was not a benefactor to his country! Say, indeed, that he is a mere shallow novelist, whose mission is to please the idle hour of a lady in her bower, or to charm a schoolboy from his desk! Scott in Waverley forged the last link of an indissoluble union between the two races that had contended for centuries, and with whom the union was not even then perfect till he wrote. In the noblest conduct between foeman and foeman, either on the border or in the passes of the highlands, he who has given such ideals of excellence in all respects, he who has brought before us some of the most romantic characters of the olden time as faithfully and strikingly as they can be brought from the shadow of the grave—a man who has done that can never cease to be appreciated, because were we who inherit his language and tradition to forget him, the nobler and greater races that in that case would supplant us, would take up the wondrous tale which he has written.

Looking over, the other day, the pages of Carlyle, and in many respects deriving instruction from the glowing criticisms with which that great master spirit valued his countryman, it seemed to me that he undervalued, in this respect, Scott's great place in human civilization. He seemed to think that because Scott was simply the devoted historian of feudalism, that as feudalism was dying, so would die Scott's immortality. But therein he made a mistake. In the old houses in England, there are portraits not only of the men of the court of Victoria, but of Elizabeth also; and although the fashion of the time is gone, although the very dress is changed, although their relations with the rest of the world have passed

through a "sea of change," I say that there is not one great house that would take down the portrait of an Elizabethan admiral, or Stuart cavalier, or Cromwellian ironside, and put them away because there are no such men now. There never will be feudalism in America. It is the great mission of this mighty continent to take up the results of the old world's experience, and interpret them into nobler and grander ideas. Nova Scotia itself was destined for feudalism.

When King James gave us that banner which we gave us to understand that feudal castles, with moats and drawbridges, should be placed as a new production in the new world, but even at that time feudalism had commenced to feel the approach of a wider light—it was struggling like the starlight with the dawn, and the men that rose to fight against it at Edgehill, Naseby and Marston Moor, were the men who opposed the introduction into Nova Scotia of a system that had been worn out in the older country; and yet, though having no feudalism here, and never likely of ourselves to raise another Walter Scott, we want to have him from the other side. We cannot do without him. There is a little trace of Acadian simplicity and rustic romance, but that is all; and upon the high sea wall of Blomidon there rises no Tantallons hold; there is no knightly pennon, nothing in the way of a conquering, flaunting symbol of victory, more striking, perhaps, than that pennon which Autumn flings out on the air, of scarlet and crimson and gold, to celebrate the victory over the queenly summer whom he has stricken down in her green-wood fortress, and with whose waving banners he fans her sunshine cold. But we have no such feudalism—yet have we nothing to preserve Scott for? Are there no knightly lessons from his works, to be carried into other than border strifes, in interpretation of the feelings which will be lost in

every age, so long as there is intelligent and cultivated beauty, such as I see before me, and so long, I may say, as there is youth and indeed Chief Justices to admire it. To understand the force and place that Scott once occupied in English literary history, perhaps it will be best to note one or two incidents from his life. It may best explain why his countrymen looked to him as having the glamour of an enchanter. "The splendour, indeed, falls on castle walls and snowy summits old in song," and, perhaps, as Scotsmen here, our duty first is to thank him for interpreting to the world those great features of our characters developed in our history. The cautious and the crafty Scot has been long known, but underneath this cautious self-restraint there glows a fervour, a gallantry, a wild impulse of a chivalrous spirit, which lived even in the last age of the Latin language before it had ceased to vibrate in living Europe. The records of Roman renown won from Cæsar's sword had learned to distinguish even in its dying classic phrases the fervid spirit of the Scot. Men asked how can this spirit exist with the caution and with the cold reserve with which they credit us? Look you but at the mountain peaks and the Alpine summits, and see the snows that have clung there for centuries. What can be more enduring than those mighty fields that cap the pinnacles of Jung Frau? The wind never breaks the outline with which they meet the first flush of the morning; the sun that melts the very sands of Sahara never breaks his way beyond the spell-bound regions of their enchanted cold. They are the race that poured from the mountain,—learned their reserve and their self restraint from those enduring altitudes. But let the air vibrate, or sometimes even a child's touch upon a tottering crag be given, and then the roar of thunder, mile after mile, like the mighty thunders of the firmament themselves break out, crash reverberating upon crash, and rolling boulder and

pine trees all before it down to the gorges and abysses and streams below, swelling the old lake of Switzerland, running Rhinewards or Rhonewards, to increase the markets of the world, and to carry on brown rafts down the Rhine the red and luscious grape. Scottish fervor is of the mountains, and the mountains have taught the Scots their nature. I may be pardoned if I say that the very race that have been called cold and cautious and reserved, have at the same time won for themselves that renown when they have rushed from their mountain heights, which has carried the tartan into the recollection and into every language that is spoken among martial races. Who but those cold and reserved Scots from the snow-bound summits of their native land led the crest at "Alma"? who but they to form the line at "Bala-klava"? Look at the blazonries on the dress before me, and let me tell you how the McKenzie tartan shone at Assaye, how the civilization of the Mogul went down before them, how this same 78th Regiment struck down the tyrant at the southern peninsula of India in the Mahratta war, and how it saved India a century afterwards, or nearly so, by the same wild, fervid dash which Scott has commemorated in his story. (Applause.) And can we do without all that. can we forget all that? And if we must not forget it, and if we cannot do without it, let us look to him who has enshrined its records for our instruction and imitation.

Now Scott in his own life sent forth these wonderful productions with an ease that seemed marvelous then, and which even now seems wonderful. So great was the furore excited by his works, that when the copies of his earlier novels went by the slow mail coaching fashion between London and Edinboro', country gentlemen of Yorkshire, and even noblemen in the Northern counties, rode out, pistol in hand, to stop the coach and read the proof sheets. The whole Empire vibrated at once to

this marvelous touch of an Enchanter's wand. But his greatness consisted in the fact that he did not confine himself to Scotland alone. He took up and supplemented the work of Shakespeare, and illuminated times and events which the dramatist left untouched, to the loss of the world's literature. I have often thought how Shakespeare could have told us of Elizabeth and her court. He saw the men of that time as Horatio saw Hamlet's father, "in their habit as they lived." He could have given to us and to the world forever, as none else could, Burleigh, and Raleigh, and Sir Philip Sydney, and all that grand Elizabethan galaxy of intellect and valor which the world has not since equalled. He could have given such enduring work, and again, he could have gone into an older time and given us what Shakespeare, I think, was bound to have given us, the romance and history in one of Robin Hood. But Scott took up the wondrous tale, following with rival hand, perhaps, but yet with a generous rivalry. And then we had English history illuminated with a splendour, and at the same time with an accuracy that has never since been surpassed. And then, crossing the channel, he startles France with the sight of every-day life, in the salons of Charles the Bold and Louis XI. Never before had poet sung, or historian recorded, the deeds in camp and court of Charles the Bold, as Scott did in "Quentin Durward"—never before was given so faithful a pen picture of the state-craft of Louis XI in the same story. And when that is the case that he could bring history back to the minds of a people, it may be said that he complied with the wish of the great statesman to write the ballads of a people, and at the same time write their history, for he did both. And in this fact lies his greatness, that he is founder of what is called the historic novel, or historic fiction. Yet this is in some respects made a blame to him, and he was suspected by some of

distorting historic characters for romantic purposes. I believe that can only be sustained in one instance, and that instance is capable of explanation; and I say that I would rather trust to his "Richard Cœur de Lion" as a truer model, than to Froude's Henry VIII. After all, what is history but the opinions of the writers? Look at the light of heaven coming through the oriel window, shedding part of its ray through the ruby pane, and then the floor is stained with a glory that seems the blood of Kings and Queens. It strikes an azure pane another portion, and changes the hue. The light outside is the same, but it is colored in transition; so when Froude takes up his pen to turn Henry VIII into a statesman, a philanthropist and a model husband, I seem to think that, at all events, he fails in his duty far more egregiously, and is far less trustworthy, than the man who tells us frankly at first that he is writing fiction, but takes real men and ministers in, to instruct and illuminate the mind. Look at all the royal and noble personages that come before us from his pages, and then reflect that, even if we had no other volumes than these of Scott, his history is at least as trustworthy, and is far more attractive, than many a more professedly grave and creditable one. I had to say recently somewhat unexpectedly, that some of the greater aspects in Scottish history were these—that more than all other poets, Scott set himself to celebrate and intensify the love of manhood between man and man, the love of country between generation and generation, and above all, perhaps, the love of woman. No human heart ever praised the beauty and the loveliness of woman more than did that of Burns. No poetry is more passionately praised than that which floats about the Scottish Country, in the praise of woman. No language has yet done justice to the patriotic passion that inspires a true man more thoroughly than has that of Scottish verse. That inimitable passage—they may call it hackneyed if they please,

—seems to me the most noble expression of love of country to be found in the range of literature:

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
 Who never to himself hath said,—
 This is my own my native land—
 Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned
 When home his footsteps he hath turned
 From wandering on a foreign strand.
 If such there be, go mark him well,
 For him no minstrel strain shall swell,
 Despite his title, power and pelf
 The wretch concentrer'd still in self,
 Living shall forfeit fair renown,
 And doubly dying shall go down
 To the vile dust from which he sprung,
 Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

Is the man that teaches young men that sentiment to be forgotten? Was he an idle stringer of idle lays when he calls forth a thrill like that from every breast? We who hold the heather in our bosoms, thank him, because he links it with the lines:

Oh Caledonia, stern and wild :
 Meet nurse for a poetic child—
 Land of the mountain and the flood,
 Land of brown heath and shaggy wood.
 Land of my sires, what mortal hand
 Can e'er untie the filial band
 That knits me to thy rugged strand !

And then again look how the love of country breaks forth in him, as it ought in all of us, in the lines—

Where is the coward would not dare
 To fight for such a land?

And because he did that for Scotland, Scotsmen stand here, and stand the world over, to celebrate his memory to-day. And let those who join with us in such a cele-

bration remember that he to them has given culture, that he to them has given refinement; and that it is not simply because it is Scottish, but because it is human, that his immortality will last forever. Scott's William of Deloraine was but a moss-trooper indeed, yet see him stand above the body of Musgrave, see him stand looking at the foeman, between whom and himself there had been great wrongs and great revenges. Seeing the man he intended to fight and to slay, as he bends above the dead, and recalling the fact that this man will never cross steel with him again, recalling the fact that many a time they had fought together upon the debatable border, he still, with the generous impulse of a soldier's heart, remembers not the wrongs that his foeman did him, but rather the skill with which he led the chase over the fells of Cumberland, and says with a burst that can never be excelled:

"I'd give the lands of Deloraine
Dark Musgrave were alive again."

Yet some men say that Scott spent all his life in writing lies. Is that a lie? Thank heaven, no. And that it should not be less true to-day ought to be the very ideal of every gentleman. In many respects Scott's genius has this peculiarity, that he is a painter far more than a poet. A poet infuses his own feelings into all that he sees and describes. He paints just as it strikes him, irrespective of his own moods. Other poets when they write make nature sympathetic with them in their woes or in their joys. It is, perhaps, natural to make nature sympathise with us. Here again, I find that I must pause and say that beyond this Scottish history, there comes the wide influence of this verse. He seems himself to have had a prescience of that kind, because in some lines of his own, describing such melodies as we have heard to-day, he dwells upon them with an effect

that shews how they thrilled the heart of Scotsmen. The poet says:

A deep voice Fitz Eustace had,
The air he chose was wild and sad,
Such have I heard on Scottish land,
Rise from the busy harvest band,
When falls before the mountaineer
On lowland plains the ripened ear.
Oft have I listened and stood still
As it came softened up the hill,
And deemed it the lament of men
Who languished for their native glen,
And thought how sad would be such sound
On Susquehanna's swampy ground,
Kentucky's wood encumbered brake,
Or wild Ontario's boundless lake,
Where heart-sick Exiles in the strain
Recall fair Scotland's hills again.

And in this strain of his that we celebrate from Ontario to the sea to-day, and he might have added other lands as well. Scott's failures were due to his feudalism. That he might be a laird, he took that same genius which had been given to him for the illumination of society, and with which he succeeded, and transferred it into broad acres around Abbotsford. He who owned Edinboro and the border more thoroughly than the great Earls, claiming them by deeds, built Abbotsford and ruined himself by his feudalism, but then mark how readily he came forth from that ruin. It is the fashion to speak of literary men with some excuses. Byron, because he is disappointed, turns and vilifies his race. You say that is the fire of genius. If a great writer forgets to pay his debts, deals unjustly with society, and puts in a new plea at the bar of court that he has a genius, and therefore must not pay the tale or tribute for the needs of human nature, society excuses and says that he is a genius. Mark how this Scottish genius met calamity. Utterly ignorant of business, involved by the errors and miscalculation of others, in a debt of £150,000 at the time he

thought his life labors over, in place of making any excuse, as Carlyle said, he took up the gates of Gaza on his shoulders and walked off with them. When Scott, with all England trying to turn his head as fast as possible, and with the homage of all his countrymen, suddenly found himself hopelessly, in many respects, a bankrupt, he turned about and faced the calamity like a man, with not a murmur, not a word, excepting that of his reproach for having let others so heavily lose for his sake.

“Come one, come all, this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I.”

Scott, with nothing but his pen, sat down every morning at his desk, and when he finished one story before breakfast he commenced another,—not this time for the love of literature so much, but because, alas! the noble sides were galled by the spurs of adversity, and like a Scottish gentleman he felt that his debts must be paid, and he paid them.

Now let me close and see what a field his genius covers. Just listen as the procession passes of his great creation. Look first, when *Waverley* opens up the flood gates of a new romance to illuminate the dawn—look at young Prince Charlie riding down the Canongate to Holyrood to hold for one fleeting night the last transitory splendor of his reign. See that great ball in Holyrood (where Mary and her Maries had preceded him) merely to have that little rift of gold in the Stuart's sunset,—see the children how they follow him with the toss of tartan and the flutter of their bonnets,—see the Scottish chiefs marching with many a famous name among them. But look as the pageant passes, and before it is well gone, before the clamor of the slogan from the border has died down, before that long, wild, stirring martial wail of the pipe, behind which every man must fight, and beside which many a man is proud to die—after that is passed, listen to the clash of oriental music of wild Saracenic

measure, as there they go, the Knights and Squires of the Holy Temple. Brian de Bois Guilbert, with his Knights about him, with their long white cloaks and lances yet tipped on many a point with that Saracen blood they shed. There comes "Ivanhoe" and the great hero of all, the Black Knight,—“Richard Cœur de Lion.” There comes the flower of Saxon nobility, and there come those fair ladies, Rowena and Rebecca, — Rebecca, perhaps, or I shall not say perhaps, but Rebecca the better, Rebecca whom Ivanhoe should have married, and allowed Athelstane to have his Saxon love, Rebecca, whose noble self sacrifice is not one of the least of the great tributes to womanhood paid by Sir Walter. Look at that great lady of a despised race, showing a nobility of soul as she rides away to her Spanish retreat to leave the land that had become for her unbearable, because in that land every hope she had had been blighted. Then come Robin Hood and his merry men, who ought to have been in Shakespeare's pages, with their doublets of Lincoln green, their long bows, and their laugh and jest and careless song. There come these archers from the Court of France and one the noblest in the romance of Europe, Quentin Durward. And in all this great concourse of the poet's brain, he laid the whole world tribute in order to crowd the scene with such an heraldic splendor as no man ever gathered together before.

Having said so much, let me now close. Let me say in this respect that, having delivered an address that is extemporaneous, and on many points in which I have been felicitously anticipated, and at the same time feeling as I do the responsibility which has rested upon me of touching a great subject, altogether too vast for me, and touching it as I fear, unworthily, my only feeling has been this, that in addressing myself to the subject I have tried to do the best I possibly could. I came here to speak of him of whom so much has been said, and of

whom so much shall be said when all of us are gone ; and I came to-day, feeling that it was not necessary for me to say all, when there is all of human time to say it in. I felt like this, when called upon to stand up and speak for the memory of my countryman, to speak for the memory of a great genius. I felt that while great honor has been done me, and great responsibility laid upon me, I might be forgiven, even if, with feeble hands, I laid this chaplet of wild flowers of the Nova Scotian woods as an offering to him. That I have been chosen to do it has been to me a most gratifying, and, at the same time, a most responsible task ; but feeling, as I do, that the memory of the great enchanter has helped me through, I have touched the chords, no matter how feebly. The rude touch was mine, but the responses in the heart were due to the pen of Abbotsford. The responses that vibrated and thrilled the imagination came from him who first woke them there ; and as I take farewell of him, I am put in mind of the touching words of the last farewell with which our Northern Prospero broke his wand, and let his Ariel of the moor and of the mountains free :

Harp of the North, farewell ! The hills grow dark ;
On purple peaks a deeper shade descending ;
In twilight copse the glowworm lights her spark,
The deer, half seen, are to the covert wending.
Resume thy wizard elm ! the fountain lending,
And the wild breeze thy wilder minstrelsy.
Hark ! as my lingering footsteps slow retire,
Some Spirit of the Air has waked thy string !
'Tis now a Seraph bold, with touch of fire.
'Tis now the brush of Fairy's frolic wing.
Receding now the dying numbers ring,
Fainter and fainter down the rugged dell, .
And now the mountain breezes scarcely bring
A wandering witch-note of the distant spell—
And now, 'tis silent all !—Enchantress, fare thee well!

The oration, which was entirely extemporary, occupied a little more than an hour and a half. When the storm of applause which followed it had subsided, Rev. George M. Grant rose, and in a few happy remarks moved a vote of thanks to Mr. William Garvie for his very eloquent oration. Mr. Grant suggested that the celebration of Sir Walter Scott's centenary in Halifax ought not to close without the founding of a Waverley Scholarship, and intimated that he knew a very modest man present who would give \$300 towards that object. Hon. Alexander Keith, President of the Legislative Council, seconded the vote of thanks. The Chairman, putting the motion made a few remarks, warmly eulogizing the oration. It is needless to say that the audience heartily tendered the vote of thanks. The proceedings then terminated. The procession reformed outside the hall, and marched through several of the principal streets before separating.

The Scott Centenary Orations delivered over the Globe were collected and published by the Edinburgh Scott Centenary Committee, and the Halifax oration, by Hon. W. Garvie, was pronounced the finest of all that had been delivered the world over, being in the opinion of the Committee of great special excellence.

Highland games in the Horticultural Gardens followed. The Ball at the Rink was an immense success, attended as it was by so much of the Scottish element of the Province.

The total cost of the celebration was very large—\$2,751.00. The subscription list starting the arrangements amounted to \$1,492, from members of the North British Society. The balance was obtained from sale of tickets for ball, games, etc., but the cost, though large, brought the Society prominently to the front and resulted in a largely augmented list of members.

The Treasurer's report showed that \$680 had been devoted to charity during the year, and that the investments had increased to over \$7000, but a more encouraging sign was that the roll of membership was increasing. In addition to investments as above stated, an inventory of property held by Society showed a lot in the Cemetery in good condition, railed at an expense of \$700, and in the box at Jerusalem Warehouse, well insured banners as follows:

The Banner of the Society,	Silk.
The Royal Standard of Scotland,	"
Saint Andrew Cross,	"
Union Jack,	"

all in good condition, and

- 1 Transparency St. Andrew,
- 2 Leather Bags,
- 1 Ballot Box,
- 1 Set of Bag Pipes,
- The President's Collar and Jewel,
- 4 Silk Sashes for President and Vice do's,
- 8 Silk Sashes for other Office Bearers,
- 4 Vols. of Records from 1768 to 1781,
- 100 Vols. Centenary Annals, 1768 to 1868,
- 4 Vols. Rules and By-Laws, with signatures of members,
- 3 Snuff Mulls,
- 1 Box, containing the 2 Silver Seals of Society.

At the Annual Meeting, which was attended by over 100 members, Ordinary, Honorary, and Perpetual, a vigorous discussion took place over the possibility of the Society erecting a suitable building for meetings, etc., to contain a reading-room, dining-hall, etc. It was stated that the hope of keeping the already large roll of young members and increasing the number, depended

largely upon having an attractive building to help keep the Society together. A Committee consisting of

George Buist,	J. P. Muir,
Don. Murray,	John H. Johnston,
A. W. McNab	

were appointed to report at next meeting.

The Committee subsequently reported that to purchase a suitable site and erect and furnish building required, \$20,000 would be needed for the purpose. This appeared too large a matter to entertain for the present, and the project was for the time abandoned.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1872:

Jas. J. Bremner,	<i>President;</i>
Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Vice. do.;</i>
Donald Keith,	<i>Senr. Asst. do.;</i>
Peter Grant,	<i>Junr. do. do.;</i>
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Howard Maclean,	<i>Secretary;</i>
Dr. A. P. Reid,	<i>Asst. do.;</i>
Alex. Stephen,	} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Peter Ross,	
Wm. Hedley,	
R. Brenton,	
Dr. Gordon,	
R. F. Watt,	} <i>Marshals;</i>
Wm. Hood,	
McKenzie and Patterson,	<i>Pipers;</i>
Rev. John Campbell,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
John Patterson,	<i>Messenger.</i>

The Supper held after the Annual Meeting was a most enjoyable one. The Col. and Officers of the 78th with the Regimental mess pipers attending. The Chief Justice, Hon. W. Garvie, Hon. Alex. Keith, and other leading members present. Lt. Callander favored the meeting with several marches on the pipes, he being a noted piper. The company separated at 2 a. m., delighted.

The Festival was celebrated by the usual interesting dinner held at the Halifax Hotel. Over 100 present. The President, J. J. Bremner, well sustained the reputation of the Chair. He was surrounded by a splendid representation of our country in every walk and department of life. The Army and Navv, the Bench, the Bar, the Public Departments, and a large number of the Society and guests. Baron D'Eldebourg of Lima, Peru, was so delighted with the Society, that he, before the close of the meeting, handed by a member to the President, five guineas as a donation to its Charity Fund, an act of appreciation very welcome from so distinguished a stranger. The interest was sustained throughout, a long programme of toasts honored, and the Society's credit splendidly maintained.

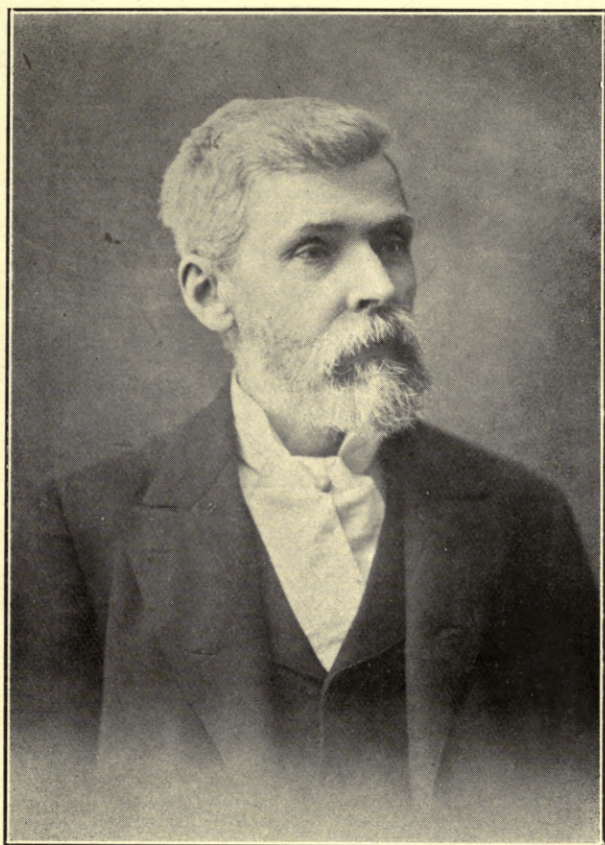
Biographical Notes—1871.

Hon. William Garvie, one of the most brilliant orators and finished scholars yet associated with our Provincial history, was during his connection with our Society greatly esteemed for his bright, cheery eloquence which illumined so many of our social meetings. As the orator of the Scott Centenary, he attained by his splendid eulogium, marked by all the excellence of glowing patriotism and devoted admiration and conception of the spirit and genius of Scotland's immortal poet, a position in the field of eloquence, unsurpassed by any other of the gifted speakers of our Institution. Mr. Garvie came with his father and family to Halifax in 1855. He had received a liberal education in Glasgow, and soon after arrival here, accepted a position as teacher in one of the public schools. His five younger brothers at the same time entered the several professional fields, and the entire family were remarkable for their varied talents. William, after a few years in the position as teacher, entered

the journalistic field, and was for a time a partner in the *Citizen* newspaper. He subsequently studied law, and during the years in which the Confederation of the Provinces absorbed attention, became a leading politician and organizer. In 1869 he was admitted to the Bar. In 1871 he was returned member for Halifax in the Legislative Assembly, and was at once appointed a member of Government with office of Commissioner of Works and Mines. In the House he greatly distinguished himself as a finished speaker, his graceful oratory attracting all classes of politicians. His health, never robust, soon gave way under the constant strain, and to the great regret of all Nova Scotians, he died in 1872, at the comparatively early age of 38 years.

Garvie was of great personal and striking physique, and had a strong magnetic manner, which was graceful and full of dignity. He was over six feet in height, rather delicate, but full of bright, kindly life, with a countenance betokening a man of deep thought and sympathies. His record was in every way a most honorable one. His was a brilliant human presence, which left a vast blank when it disappeared from life. He sleeps now, ever young in the memory of others that must grow old, and was honourably released from his toils before the hottest of the day.

Samuel Crawford, born 26th January, 1840, a native of Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland, came to Halifax in 1868, and has been for many years officially connected with the Customs Department of Halifax. Mr. Crawford has well identified himself with the religious and better elements of our city. Possessing a highly cultivated voice of great harmony and compass, he has aided on many occasions a variety of commendable projects for the public good. Joining the NORTH BRITISH in 1871, he has, at many Festivals of Saint Andrew, delighted



SAMUEL CRAWFORD

the company from his great repertoire of Scottish music, and has repeatedly received the thanks of the Society for his splendid and gratuitous efforts. He has long been considered the sweetest singer Scotland ever gave to Nova Scotia, and is a worthy successor to Stewart, Bremner and Kidston in the early days of our institution, and to May, Geddes and Russell in a later generation, and to Muir and others, who have but at a comparatively late date passed away from us. May he long, in voice and sentiment, continue to delight his appreciative countrymen.

1872.

President Bremner, with his long experience in Society matters, filled the chair this year with great acceptance. One hundred dollars was sent to the Illinois St. Andrew's Society, Chicago, toward relieving countrymen who had suffered in the recent disastrous Chicago fire. The amount was suitably acknowledged by the President of the Chicago Society.

The following were elected Ordinary Members:

Angus Ross,	Robt. Wilkie,
W. Henderson,	Wm. Ellis,
John Cormack,	Wm. Reid,
Thos. Cameron,	Jas. Anderson,

and John S. Maclean was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying \$40 to perpetual fund.

And the following added to the Honorary List:

Prof. Lawson, Dalhousie College,
John Herdman.

The Society this year lost two eminent members who during long lives were ever distinguished for loyalty and work for the Institution, viz:

Robert Noble, an ex-President,
John Watt, Treasurer for a long term of years.

Letters of condolence were sent to the families of above deceased gentlemen, and minutes of the Society's regret entered in the records.

The Society's lot in Cemetery was attended to this year at an expense of fifty dollars. The usual burthensome discussion about the suppers' came up before the Society, some of the members wanting one cold and three hot, others the reverse, three hot and one cold. The Society decided to continue the old plan, two hot suppers in winter, and two cold ones in summer.

It was also determined by the members that the celebration of festival of St. Andrew, should be marked by the Society attending Divine Service previous to dinner, also that a *Conversazione* be held each year, on the anniversary of the foundation of the Society.

At the Annual Meeting the Chaplain, the Rev. John Campbell, was invested with the Regalia recently purchased in Edinburgh, a handsome silk Geneva Gown. The thanks of the Society were passed to John P. Muir, who had procured the same, and by private subscription of members relieved the Society of all cost in the matter. The reports of the various Committees showed the Society's matters in excellent condition; the cheering appearance of the meetings, by the grand attendance of members, showing life and vigor in every department.

The following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year:—

James S. Macdonald, *President*;
John P. Muir, *Vice do.*;
E. M. Macdonald, *Senr. Asst. Vice*;
W. Myers Gray, *Junr. do. do.*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
Howard Maclean, *Secretary*;
A. P. Reid, M.D., *Asst. do.*;

Alex. Stephen,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
Wm. Hedley,		
Jas. White,		
Dr. Gordon,		
Peter Ross,	}	<i>Back Dues;</i>
J. Brenton Gordon,		
E. H. Reeves,		
B. A. Taylor,	}	<i>Chaplain;</i>
Rev. John Campbell,		
William Hood,		
John Patterson,		

The Supper was as usual, well attended, the Society had many good singers, and this evening the music and speeches were excellent and greatly appreciated by an enthusiastic company.

The celebration of Saint Andrew was well carried out. The Society assembled at Saint Andrew's Church, Tobin St., at 7 p. m. The pulpit and aisles were beautifully decorated with the banners of the Society. A large number of members attended, Chief Justice Young and the office-bearers occupied the platform. The Church was packed, and the music by a choir from the Society was excellent. The sermon was preached by the Chaplain, Rev. John Campbell, who wore for the first time the elegant Geneva Gown and regalia recently purchased by Society. The sermon was a success and a revival of an old custom, the last sermon being preached before the Society by Dr. Andrew Brown in old Mather Church, in 1782. The Society, after the sermon, walked in procession to Halifax Hotel, when the usual large attendance marked the dinner. The President well supported on right and left by Lient.-General Doyle, Chief Justice Young, and a most splendid representation of the Society and guests.

The company sat down at 8 o'clock, and at 9 the first toast was announced from the Chair, and at 20 min-

utes to 12, the closing toast was given, it being Saturday night, and the near approach of the Sabbath warning any further encroachment on old Father Time. Every detail of the celebration had been well attended to, and the intimacy of an old staff of directors of past celebrations, with everything required to insure method, enabled a great success to be scored in interest and enthusiasm, although the time was limited to hours inside of the usual time devoted to the annual dinner.

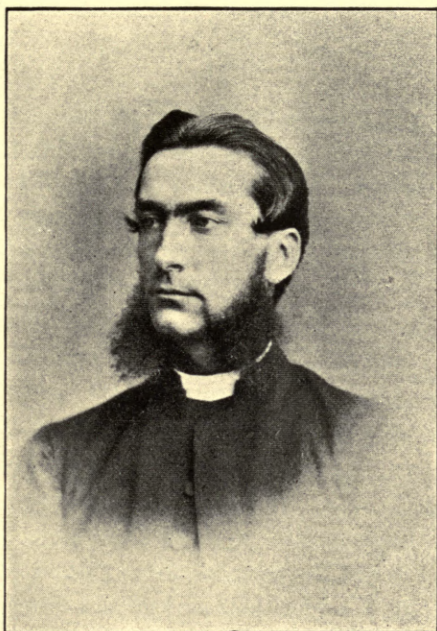
Biographical Notes—1872.

Lieut.-Col. Jas. J. Bremner, born at Banff, Scotland, 1832, educated there, came out to Halifax in 1849, and entered into business with his relatives, G. & A. Mitchell. Subsequently he commenced on his own account, and for many years conducted a lucrative business, and in subsequent years was appointed Inspector of Customs for Nova Scotia. His grand-uncle was John Bremner, who was an influential member of our Society in 1782, and twice elected President. Other members of his family have been in subsequent generations members of the Society, so that he has had personally and by descent a continued connection with the NORTH BRITISH. Col. Bremner had been long associated with the defences of the country. He was Colonel of the 66th Halifax Regt. Served with the Battalion in the North West Rebellion (*medal*), also has medals for Fenian Raid and "Long Service." Colonel Bremner joined the Society in 1854, served for many years as Treasurer, was elected President in 1872, and became a Perpetual Member in 1903.

Rev. John Campbell, born in Nova Scotia, 1841, of Scottish parentage; studied at Glasgow University and was ordained in 1868; called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, 1869, which position he held



LIEUT.-COL. JAMES J. BREMNER



REV. JOHN CAMPBELL

with great acceptance until his retirement in 1875, when he went to Edinburgh. He joined the Society in 1869; was elected Chaplain in 1870, and held that position until 1875. He was a most thorough Scot, and on several occasions gave most interesting addresses pregnant with patriotic fire. His death occurred in Edinburgh in 1899.

1873.

The President was well supported during the year by a grand attendance of members at every quarterly and special meeting. The interest was manifested in many ways, but particularly in the great number of members added to the roll during the year, the largest since the foundation of the Institution.

Letters of condolence were sent to families of HON. W. GARVIE, the Scott Centenary Orator), HOWARD MACLEAN, our late Secretary, and JAS. STEINSON, all regretted members, and all recently deceased.

The first business of the February meeting was to elect a Secretary in room of the late regretted office-bearer, Howard Maclean, Esq. On motion, Jas. Godfrey Smith was unanimously elected to the position. The following were enrolled as Ordinary Members during the year:

Jas. Farquhar,	Donald Scott,
Gibson Anderson,	W. B. Fay,
John Hutton,	J. Scott Mitchell,
Alex. Forrest,	W. M. Allan,
MacCallum Grant,	Luke Hamilton,
Geo. Ross,	John McCrow,
Gilbert Munro,	Donald Robb,
Alex. Stephen, Jr.,	Duncan McDougall,
M. M. Lindsay,	Wm. Moore,

J. S. McKay,	J. C. Fraser,
Robt. Mackintosh,	Kenneth Matheson,
Chas. J. Macdonald,	John Forbes,
C. C. Davies,	James Fraser,
Sherbrooke Waddell,	Wm. A. McNab,
J. J. Stewart,	Alex. Shearer,
J. M. McKay,	Archd. Mitchell,
Alex. Fleming,	Wallace E. Harrington,
John Johnson,	Thos. Wasson,
Jos. Fleming,	Lachlin McDonald,
Alex. McDougall,	Alex. Taylor,
Robt. Sedgewick,	D. K. Lowden,
Robert Robinson,	Salter Noble,
David Pottinger,	John Grant,
John Patterson,	David Black,
Lydiard McIntosh,	Geo. Stenhouse,
Jas. McGregor,	Fred. Mitchell.

The above 53 were proposed and elected during 1873, and at annual meeting.

Walter Fairbairn,	Evan Morrison,
Wm. Cunningham,	Geo. Morrison,
D. H. Duncan,	John Morrison,
Frank Morrison,	John Wilson,
Wm. McDonald,	Alex. Bremner,
R. T. Braine,	J. McLennan,
J. H. McDaniel,	A. C. Mitchell,

were proposed for membership, their names to remain on the books until February meeting, 1874, when they would be balloted for:

During the summer the President, with Alex. Stephen, Senr., Chairman of Committee of Charity, and Donald Murray, waited upon Col. Gordon and Scottish officers of the 60th Rifles, who had lately come to Halifax, and presented a copy of the Society's Annals. The Committee were most cordially welcomed, and next day a letter was received from Col. Gordon, accompanied

with \$30, with a request that the five officers' names should be enrolled as Honorary Members:

Lt. Col. Gordon,	} 60th Regt.
Major Farquharson,	
Major Dundas,	
Lieut. E. Fraser,	
Lieut. A. F. H. Mitchell-Innes.	

The above, with Robert Robertson, were duly enrolled Honorary Members. Peter Grant was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying into the funds \$40. A grand total of 73 members acquired in 1873.

On 26th March, the 105th anniversary of the formation of the Society, the NORTH BRITISH held its first conversazione. It took place at old Mason Hall,—400 present. The Committee worked well, and with the assistance of so many new members, it proved an immense success. The splendid band of the 87th discoursed fine music. It was an entirely new departure for the Society. Good oratory, music and dancing, contributed to make it enjoyable to all present, and so satisfactory was it to all that the regret was that such re-unions had not been initiated years before. The secretary was instructed to record the Society's interest and satisfaction with this new departure by placing an elaborate minute on the books of the Institution.

At the Annual Meeting, which was attended by over one hundred members, the various reports from Treasurer's statement showed a most successful year. A larger amount than usual had been paid out to deserving applicants to Committee of Charity. 500 copies of By-laws had been printed, and the work of the Messenger had so increased that his salary was doubled, a small matter, but a good sign of the increasing interest in Society's work. The following were chosen office-bearers for 1874:

John P. Muir, *President*;

E. M. Macdonald, *Vice do.*

Jas. C. Mackintosh, *Senr. Asst.*;
 J. Godfrey Smith, *Junr. Asst.*;
 Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
 Robt. Sedgewick, *Secretary*;
 John T. Fraser, *Asst. do.*
 Jas. Farquhar,
 Dr. Thos. R. Fraser,
 M. M. Lindsay,
 Alex. Stephen, *Senr.*,
 Wm. Hedley,
 J. Brenton Gordon,
 Jas. S. McKay,
 A. R. Sutherland,
 Wm. Hood, *Marshal*;
 Rev. John Campbell, *Chaplain*;
 John Patterson, *Piper and Messenger*.

} *Committee of Charity*;
 } *Back Dues.*

The Festival of St. Andrew this year falling on Sunday, was celebrated with great *eclat* on Monday, 1st December.

Previous to the usual dinner, the

Rev. George M. Grant, by request, addressed the Society; his theme was "Love for Fatherland, and Love for the Land We Live In."

Marked by profound depth of patriotic sentiment, original thought, and graceful composition, it was a splendid effort, worthy of preservation, and worthy of the distinguished scholar, then in the prime of his intellectual powers.

After a few brief introductory sentences, Mr. Grant said:

"We are all Nova Scotians; we are all Canadians; but we are not autochthons, not aborigines. Our roots are beyond the sea. We are the greatest colony of the greatest Empire in the world; and therefore, a vital question for us must be, should we strengthen or dis sever the links that bind us to the people and the land from

which we and our fathers came? This is not the time or place to compare different modes of government, and comparisons are not needed; for societies based upon nationality and race would seem to have practically, and as if from instinct, settled the question as to the direction in which we, as a people, should tend. Especially important is this indirect verdict on the part of a Scottish Society; for Canada has been a favorite field for emigrants from Scotland, and our last census shows a larger portion of the population of Nova Scotia to be of Scottish origin than of any other nationality. All that we have to do, therefore, is to take stock, to ascertain what contributions to the formation of a lofty national character we have from our organic connection with a great and ancient Empire, and especially from our being inheritors of the Scottish name and 'the auld Scottish glory.'

And here let me say, that I know no subject more worthy at all times of the thoughts of patriots than this, 'What can we do to develop among the people of this great land of ours an exalted national character?' No nation is made permanently great by wealth or mere population. The treasures of Judea were but a drop in the bucket to the coffers of Assyria; Greece could match the myriads of Persia only with the 300 of Sparta, or the 10,000 of Xenophon. But the world, in making comparisons between such nations, does not count heads,—it weighs men.

Who would not rather have his own son true, brave, magnanimous, than have him rich? Who would not rather see his daughter pure and lowly than bright with the hire of shame? But what is good for one is good for all. The current of our children is determined by the general character of the whole people. No one is strong enough to resist the character of his nation. He must go with it or be overwhelmed by it. When, therefore, we speak of national aims, and the formation of a

national character, we speak of the welfare of our children, and the future of the race that is to spring from our loins.

In taking stock of the possessions of this Society, three words came out very prominently—Nationality, Antiquity, Scotland. Each of the first two has a Scottish flavor; the third is the thistle itself.

1. *Nationality*—Is there such a thing, and is it an ultimate, God-ordained fact? Every rightly constituted man, every man of true thought and deep feeling, answers, 'Yes.' I call attention to this, because it is apt to be overlooked in our day from temporary causes that are strongly at work. The International Association, that sprang into existence nine years ago, has been the chief outcome of these causes, and the signs of the times already indicate that it is not destined to exert much influence on the world. It began by proclaiming that men should ignore political and religious differences, national boundaries and histories; but, disregarding the divine fact of the nation, it soon went on to strike at the family, at marriage, at property, at inheritance, and, of course, at God—the author of all these facts and forms. The *Communes* of Paris and Cartagena are the first attempts at realizing its dreams of reconstructing society; and let us not forget that the first attempts of revolution are always the mildest. The next steps are the black or red flag, the petroleuse, a social chaos, in which of course the weakest must go to the wall.

No! We cannot ignore the nation. Well says a writer, whom no one will accuse of being Conservative, viz., Strauss—"The mean tribunal between the individual and humanity is the nation. He who ignores his nation does not thereby become a cosmopolitan, but continues an egotist. Patriotism is the sole ascent to Humanitarianism. The nations, with their peculiarities, are the divinely ordained—*i. e.*, natural—forms through which mankind manifests itself; forms which no man of

sense may overlook, from which no man of courage may withdraw himself. Without patriotism, there simply can be no deep feeling."

Another fact in connection with this is that the rise and progress of every great nation has been determined by its religion. I never heard so many emphatic testimonies to this as at the late Conference of the Evangelical Alliance in New York. Men from all the historic countries of the world were there, and while all felt that they were brothers, each gloried in his own land, and declared that it owed its origin to Christianity, and that its future depended on its Christianity. The representative from Holland, *e.g.*, said: "The name and fame of Holland will outlive that of the greatest empires. The obvious reason is this: no other people's history in modern times ever was so closely connected, so utterly identified with its religion. To the Gospel, Holland owes its greatness and its glory, its strongly marked individuality. For others, religion was a powerful element of development; for us Dutch, it was the very germ of our nationality, as it ever remains its kernel and marrow.' And thus spake Krommacker from Germany: "The German nation owes its existence to Christianity. The most important epochs of the German development have always been at the same time both religious and national epochs; the religious and national motives have therein co-operated with one another. The German nation cannot in future continue its way through history without Christianity; were it to try to do so, it would bring itself to decline and find its ruin even earlier than other nations under the same circumstances—such an attempt would indicate nothing else than a *finis Germaniæ*." And the delegate from Greece said: "You have no idea of the power of our national feeling. It makes religion and nationality one and inseparable. He that gives up his church is looked upon as an outcast." And why multiply instances? We know that the proudest title of any King

of France was that of 'the oldest son of the Church'; and the greatest boast of the Spanish nation is its religious unity; that the title of Queen Victoria is 'Defender of the Faith'; that the ancient well-earned name of Ireland was the 'Island of Saints'; that the Russian loves 'Holy Russia.' The cry to us from India from the lips of a learned Brahmin was: "My country is vaster, wealthier, more beautiful, more populous, than any of yours; give her the Gospel, and she will equal or outstrip you in greatness." And not only from the hoary nations of India and Greece, but from the other extremity of the line came similar testimony. Dr. Warren, of the University of Boston, speaking on behalf of the United States, said: "The first effective preparation of the original British America colonists for social and political unity was due to a great religious awakening, the Whitfieldian revival, which commenced in 1740." But in what country's development has religion played so important a part as in Scotland's? From the days of St. Columba to the days of Chalmers, religion has been the great factor in its life. Every Scotchman reads with patriotic, as well as religious emotion, Montalembert's *Monks of the West*, McCrie's *Life of John Knox*, Hannah's *Life of Chalmers*, and may I not add, Mrs. Oliphant's *Life of Edward Irving*. An irreligious Scotchman is a dishonor to his country, a traitor to her history and fame.

Let us not forget this union of nationality and religion in this new land where God hath appointed the bounds of our habitation. At present Canada is unable to boast of religious uniformity, or of religious unanimity. Let us aim at something higher—religious unity; let us cultivate the spirit, and in due time God will give it a fitting body. All the more necessary is this, because it has generally happened that indifference to all religions and consequent relaxation of all social and moral bonds, has been the result when various forms of religion have existed side by side in the same country. It was when

the Orontes flowed into the Tiber, when the votaries of Isis, and soothsayers from Judea flocked to the seven hills, that Rome lost her ancient stern morality and became the mother of harlots. The same cause accounts for old Corinthian wantonness, and the abominations of modern Alexandria. Such a result would indeed be inexcusable in our case, for there is among us substantial oneness of faith, as well as of origin. More than 300,000 of our population of 388,000 are of British descent; and almost all the remainder are from Germany and France—and there are no nobler races. We are not only in one boat, but we are brothers.

Let us then cherish our nationality. Well may we. We have an inheritance in the glory of Great Britain, and especially in the glory of Scotland. None of us claims to be

A patriot of the world alone,

A friend of every country but his own.

No one shall rob us of our possession. Distance does not disinherit. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

"Time but the impression stronger makes,
As streams their channels deeper wear."

2. *Antiquity*.—This Society appeals to the past. But is it true that 'the past is made for slaves'? Yes, if we wear the grave-clothes of the past. No, if we breathe the spirit of the past, drink from its deep fountains—are animated by its heroisms. A man who lives only in his own age is a barbarian. When inheriting a fruitful past, he is worse; he is selfish and ungrateful. Who is not thankful to God for honored sires; who is not sustained, in conflict with the tides of selfish passion, by the thought or the memory of them? And here again, what is good for the individual is good for the whole people. Among the best possessions of a nation, are those names that are identified with its history, those families that are almost coeval with its birth; those traditions which cluster round its cradle, that folk lore the origin of which

is hidden in the misty past, those stories of the brave days of old—those simple ringing ballads that enshrine sights and voices and deeds that are and ought to be a possession forever to a whole people. What Englishman would allow the memories of Alfred, of Percy, of Sydney, Vathers and others, to be taken from his life! He would die first. The name of Alfred, though he lived 1200 years ago, is identical with the name of England. When the Saxon lines of defence at Chippenham had been broken through, the last hopes of England were overthrown. All despaired. "All," says the old chronicler, "but Alfred the King." Oh! is there not perpetual inspiration in these few simple words,

*"Et cuncta terrarum subacta,
Præter atrocem animum Catonis."*

So, in the very name Percy, 'there is an epic poetry which stirs the English heart more than the sound of a trumpet,' as Sydney tells us he was moved whenever he heard the old ballad in which it is celebrated.

What accounts for the present vitality of the Welsh nation, the vitality of its language, the poetry, the imagination, the eloquence of the common people, but the fact that the romances, the legends, the poems of the old bards of the Cymri, so full of fire and weirdness, are household possessions. But without speaking of other nations, how explain the many-sided character Scotchmen, the proverbial prudence and shrewdness in common life, united with that lofty chivalry, that fiery valour and contempt of death which has found expression in many a foreign proverb; their love of home, with that spirit of adventure which has carried them over the whole earth; the plaintive melody of the national music with the insight, the strength, the racy vigor of the poetry; the rich humor that Dean Ramsay shows to be characteristic of all classes; that clanship, with which they have often been reproached, but which is their legitimate pride; that faithfulness in service, as complete in Low-

land Caleb Balderstone as in the Highland vassal who received in his own breast the bullet intended for his chief; how explain, I say, all these and many other rich and varied developments of national character, unless we understand the deep ancient fountains of thought and passion and feeling from which the people in all generations have been able to drink. The names of "Wallace bright and Bruce the bold," of the good Sir James Douglas, who followed in death the heart of his master, even as he had ever followed him in life; or of that dead man, who won the fight of Otterbourne;—that Black Douglas house descended from the dark gray man, that boasted that men "had seen it in the tree, but never in the sapling, in the stream, but never in the fountain"; the deeds, the daring, the sufferings, the loves, the war chants of ancestors, the mystic songs of fairyland—all these have been the food that has nurtured poetry in Scottish breasts in lowly Scottish homes. Deep in the heroic past are the roots of national life, and so nothing has been able to shake that life or change it radically. "The songs commemorative of our earlier heroes." Aytoun points out "have outlived the Reformation, the union of the two crowns, the civil and religious wars of the Revolution, and the subsequent union of the Kingdoms, and at a comparatively late period were collected from the oral traditions of the peasantry." With regard to his own experience he, the Edinburgh Professor, says of them: 'They have become, to a certain extent, the firstlings of my memory; and verses, or snatches of them, occur to me more readily for illustration than lines of Horace.' It was through feeding on these in infancy and youth that Burns became the darling national poet. 'A tide of Scottish prejudice,' as he modestly called his patriotic emotion, 'had been poured along his veins; and he felt that it would boil there until the floodgates shut in eternal rest.' And Scott became the Wizard of the North, because he knew the songs and tales of the bor-

ders and the highlands, of the Crusades, of the Kirk and the Covenant, better than any one else.

Does a citizen of the new world despise these ancient founts of inspiration? He is very ignorant, then, of human nature. He forgets the words of the wise lawyer Selden, 'Let me make the ballads of a people, and I care not who makes their laws.' That is sure to be a flimsy, shallow, ignoble national character, though possibly sharp, cute and knowing, where the chief food for the minds of the common people is the daily newspaper, with its sensational incidents, its incessant detraction of every great man in the country, and its able articles written to-day and forgotten to-morrow. A great race, or a race that would be great and enduring, must have mental food at once more substantial and more ethereal; food suitable to the mysterious depths of sentiment and imagination that exist in all men, even in those who are most unconscious of what is in them; 'for we all have wings, though they are often but in bud or blighted.' Sad is it for a man and for a nation when they are all unused, and therefore shrivel and dwine and die, or leave some sadly ludicrous remembrance of their absence as 'of one that once had wings,'—like the dodo. We glory, then, in our antiquity. We are Nova Scotians, but not therefore Micmacs. The carved statues of our ancestors line thickly the halls of memory, and so we are able to go forward to the battle of life amid the throngs of men bearing our banners proudly. And just because we are in a new country, where there are no fairies about the brooks, no ghosts about the ruins,—where indeed there are no ruins, where there is no past—do we cultivate the ancient memories with all the keener zest. St. Andrew's day is kept by us with an enthusiasm unknown in Scotland. We love the old land, we sing the old songs, we cherish the old associations. We read 'The tales of a Grandfather,' and will never forget the days of old. We will not hide them from our children, that they may arise and declare them unto their children.

3. *Scotland*.—In presenting the idea of nationality to you, it was Scottish nationality I referred to. In speaking of antiquity, it was the influence on us of Scottish antiquity that we considered. But Scotland itself is that to which the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY emphatically testifies. The Society aims to include all the Scotchmen in Halifax, and their children, to the third generation; to represent Scotland in this Province, and to be a friend in need to any of her poor wandering children who come our way. We feel that we owe her much, and that we cannot love her too much. And loyalty to her demands that we should be loyal to one another. A word then, about Scotland itself.

I know not whether I am blinded by partiality or not, but it seems to me that there is nowhere on earth a more romantic land. Her streams and burns, her mountains and glens, her 'brown heath and shaggy wood,' her foam-in^o fells and peaceful lakes, her straths and broad causeys are all perfect after their kind. Her mountains are not so lofty nor so vast in extent as the great ranges of Europe; but they are great enough to fill up and exceed the compass of the most far-seeing eye, and that is all that is required for effective scenery. In beauty and variety of form they are unsurpassed; and no other mountains can boast so gorgeous a garb as their purple heather vest. He who has seen "the morning and evening spread upon the mountains" of Arran, Mull, Perthshire, or the far North, can never forget the spectacle. At such a time "Thought was not; in enjoyment it expired." The beholder then had a revelation of the glory of God in nature, for which he can never be too grateful. The annually increasing stream of tourists that visit Scotland is sufficient testimony to these charms; but, after all, it is not the mere beauty of form and colour that attracts them. It is not so much Ben Au, Ben Venue, or the Trossachs that the visitor to Loch Katrine inquires for, but Helen's Isle, and the place where

Snowdon's Knight and fierce Roderick fought. Tweed is a fair stream, and so are Ettrick, and Yarrow, and Gala Water, but it is the names of Scott, Wordsworth, Hogg, Wilson, and others, that blend with their musical flow, and make them other than the streams of Acadia or New England. "The whole land is alive with song and story," said Allan Cunningham, of the district around Abbotsford;—"almost every stone that stands above the ground is the record of some skirmish or single combat; and every stream, altho its waters be so inconsiderable as scarcely to moisten the earth through which they run, is renowned in song and ballad." "I can stand," said Walter Scott one day, "on the Eildon Hill and point out 43 places famous in war and verse." And it is the same all the way up and down Moffatdale, and the Moorlands of Ayrshire fragrant with the memories of John Brown of Priesthill, of Peden, Renwick, and Cameron;—all the way from the Enterkin Pass in the South to Drum Mossie Moor in the North.

But it is not chiefly of mountains or romantic memories that we would speak, but of the actual contributions Scotland has made to the cause of mankind. And here pardon me, if I speak not of her contribution to political economy in Adam Smith's wealth of nations, or to sound metaphysics in the common sense philosophy of Reid, Stewart, Sir William Hamilton, and McCosh, or to modern material civilization in the steam engine of Watt, but of what she has done by the effective adaptation of the church to modern principles and modern necessities. I consider that John Knox and Dr. Chalmers were two of the greatest ecclesiastical statesmen the Church of Christ has ever had, and the proof of that is that their works do follow them, and long after their death they are most truly appreciated. Those men did not strive to catch the applause of their day and generation, but so to build that the edifice should endure. They understood that the church to do its work effectually must be "broad

based upon the people's will"; must be identified with their real life, and must rest upon their co-operation. Hence Knox was as anxious about educational as about church reform. His scheme of education was no paltry providing of "the three R's" for the masses, leaving the rich to educate their children as thoroughly or as mock thoroughly as they liked. No. It was an effective provision of parish schools, high schools, and universities, at which the poorest man's son, if he had the ability, could rise to the top and bless the whole land with his disciplined powers. His scheme made Scotland the best educated country in the world, up to the beginning of this century; and had it not been dwarfed and starved by the miserable greed of the nobles, the history of Scotland would have been infinitely brighter than it has been. Well does that true Scotchman, Thomas Carlyle, call Knox "an honest-hearted brotherly man; brother to the high, brother also to the low; sincere in his sympathy with both"—That's the true kind of brotherliness; not setting class against class, because he knew that the one was needed by the other, and that we are members one of another. And coming to this nineteenth century, Chalmers has the honor of being the only man who thoroughly faced that which is the great ecclesiastical problem of modern times: How can churches that are unconnected with the State be adequately sustained? For the last three centuries, the Church has been established in every country in Europe. The signs of the times are to the effect that disestablishment is impending everywhere. Is religion then to be left to the economic law of supply and demand? Theoretically, this is absurd, for the opposite law holds good with religion, and with material benefits; where the demand is least active, there the religious need is greatest, there the supply should be most abundant. And practically, the working out of the problem on this continent has been, to use the mildest word, unsatisfactory. Chalmers conceived the idea of a general Sustentation Fund made

up like the revenues of the nation, chiefly from the pence of the poor, systematically collected. It seemed at the time a devout imagination, but how has it worked? Every one of the 800 or 900 ministers of the Free Church of Scotland receives from that Central Fund at least \$750 a year.

Both in Education and in Church work have we not still much to learn from Knox and Chalmers?

But time will not allow me to speak further. Let me merely ask, is it not an unspeakable advantage to be connected as closely as possible with this ancient nationality of Scotland? We are, thanks be to God, under the same monarchy and the same well proved constitutional forms. We receive the influence of her superior political enlightenment and elevated public opinion. It may, without offence, be asserted that we have everything to learn from her, and nothing from any other nation.

There may be, as the German radical writer already quoted, says, "something enigmatic—nay, seemingly absurd, in monarchy. But," he wisely adds, "just in this consists the mystery of its superiority." Every mystery appears absurd; and yet nothing profound, either in life, in the arts, or in the state, is devoid of mystery.

We do well then to cement the existing bonds of union in every possible way, direct and indirect; and especially to rivet and sanctify them by sweet charity. I rejoice to know that this NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was never in so flourishing a condition as it now is; for whereas, the greatest number ever added to its roll in a single year before this, was 38, last year 70 new members were enrolled. How much we are indebted for this great increase to President Macdonald, whose term of office expires to-day, we all know and gratefully acknowledge. May his successors walk in his steps.

That God would bless this National Society, that He would make us, its members, worthy of our forbears, and



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that He would make our works of faith and labors of love effective, is the prayer of your fellow member who has had the privilege to address you.

After the address a magnificent dinner was tabled by Davy. This was the last public dinner held in the old Mason Hall, where the Society, since 1800, had assembled so often. The dinner, which was well attended, was a great success. The popular and well-known President, John P. Muir, well discharging his duties. On proposing the 8th toast, "The Health of the retiring President and Office-bearers," the President announced that he had great pleasure in performing a duty intrusted to him by the office-bearers and members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, which was to present the retiring President with a slight token of the Society's esteem, accompanied with the following address:

HALIFAX, 30TH NOV., 1873.

TO JAMES S. MACDONALD, ESQ.:

SIR,—There perhaps never was a time in the history of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, when it was in a more flourishing condition, financially and otherwise, than at present; and while viewing the long roll of membership, the increasing funds and increasing capacity for usefulness with much pride and satisfaction, its members desire to express the opinion unanimously entertained, that for very much of that prosperity, they are indebted to the zeal and persevering assiduity with which you have labored during so many years for the best interests of the institution. As Secretary for seven years, your duties, always arduous, were performed with a promptness and efficiency that won the admiration and confidence of the members, and greatly lightened the labors of the presiding officers. It is to you we are indebted for possessing, in a neat printed volume, the annals of the Society for the first century of its existence—a volume which has done much to revive the interest in the Society

among its own members, to make it respected among Scotchmen generally, and to prove its right to that pre-eminence among the National Societies of the Lower Provinces which it professedly enjoys. Your valued services in compiling and editing this useful work, are the more highly prized, because, while they involved a great deal of research and the expenditure of much time and literary labor, they were wholly voluntary and self-imposed. On the present occasion, therefore, when you are retiring from the presidency and closing a period of eight years of uninterrupted labor in the Society's service, your fellow-members, in asking you to accept the accompanying volumes, wish to put on record an expression of their appreciation of that labor and of the zeal and efficiency with which you have always performed every official duty. For your partner in life they also desire to express their warmest regards, and they hope you will add still further to the obligations under which you have placed them by asking her to accept from them a small token of their good will, accompanied with the prayer that Mrs. Macdonald and her husband may both be long spared to illustrate in their lives those principles of private virtue and public usefulness, for which they are now so justly esteemed by every member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

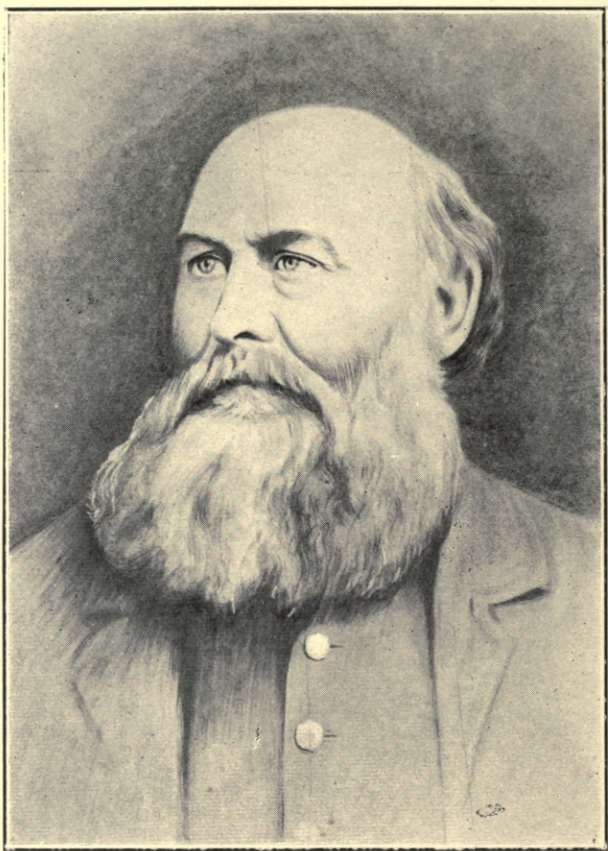
On behalf of the members,

JOHN P. MUIR,
President.

ROBT. SEDGEWICK,
Secretary.

Festival of St. Andrew, 1873.

The address, which speaks for itself, was accompanied with three magnificently bound volumes of *The Scottish Nation*, specially imported from Edinburgh, and a portrait in oils, with an elegant work-table for Mrs. Macdonald. The first presentation to a retiring President in the



JOHN P. MUIR

history of the Institution, it was a pleasing recognition of service to the Society, which was appreciated and so acknowledged by the retiring President.

The dinner was marked by many eloquent speeches from members, including Chief Justice Young, Rev. Geo. M. Grant, the Vice-President, (one of the finest speakers of his day), the Lieut.-Governor, the Mayor and other distinguished guests. Wit, mirth, humor and music contributed to a most successful celebration which closed at 2 a. m. in great harmony.

Biographical Notes—1873.

John P. Muir, an eminent member, born at Glasgow, Scotland, 1823, a well-known citizen of Halifax, long connected with the water service of the city, came from Scotland in 1854, and joined the Society in 1856. Was for many years a foremost member in the good work of the Institution. He was a pleasing speaker and excellent singer, and contributed greatly to the social and patriotic character of the meetings. He was personally a total abstainer, but had no narrow prejudices against those who had other ideas of temperance. He was elected President in 1874, and his year in office was a most successful one. He died in 1882, greatly regretted. His decease partially eclipsed the enjoyment of the quarterly meetings, where his thrilling and musical voice had been so often heard, and which had elicited the remark from an emotional and esteemed member, "that the company of Scots at the NORTH BRITISH, with Muir among the singers, was the best idea of what we could possibly conceive on earth of the very gate of heaven."

James S. Macdonald, born at Halifax, 7th May, 1837 eldest son of Robert Macdonald of Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, educated at Dalhousie College School, joined the Society in 1861; served 7 years as Secretary; elected President, 1873, and again in 1882; became Per-

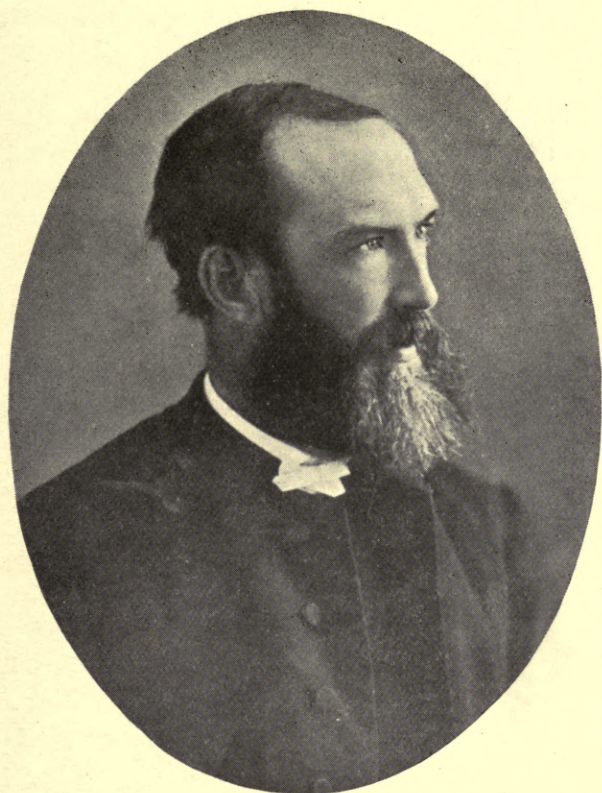
petual Member, 1877; elected historian, 1896; compiled and issued First Volume Annals in 1868; Second Volume, 1893; Third Volume, 1905.

Lieut.-Colonel Charles Gordon, 60th Rifles, of the family of Gordons of Embo, Sutherlandshire, was born in 1838, entered the army in 1856, and saw much service in India and other parts of the Empire. He was popular with his corps, and was a most enthusiastic clansman. After his departure from Halifax, he was advanced to rank of Lieut.-General, and is now living in retirement at St. Helier, Jersey. In 1873 he personally persuaded four of his officers, while stationed in Garrison here, to join the Society with him, and they attended three of the celebrations of St. Andrew.

Rev. George M. Grant, D. D., Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, sometime minister of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, and President and Orator of our Society, whose busy and useful life was largely devoted to the public good, claims our attention for a brief notice in this volume. Of his birth in Nova Scotia in 1835, his school days, of his subsequent employment, and the accident of losing his right arm, which turned the current of his life to the direction of study and clerical life, we will but briefly notice. The wondrous versatility and brilliancy of his College career, his success and triumphs as an Edinburgh student and graduate, foreshadowed the usefulness of a life destined not to be lived in vain. On his arrival in Halifax, he at once, in the New St. Matthew's Church, attracted the deep attention of all by his clear and lucid reasoning powers, his earnest and powerful oratory, and his fearless criticism of public questions; and then onward for twenty years of public life in our city, he stood forward in the pulpit, on the platform, and by pen and press, the fearless champion of right and patriotic action. He was an extraordinary man, and his magnetism and enthusiasm in the right was acknowledged by all. His interest in the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY



LIEUT.-COLONEL CHARLES GORDON



REV. GEORGE M. GRANT, D. D.

was unbounded and unfailing, and the best literary relic he has left to the world is his address on Scottish Patriotism, given to the Society on Nov. 30th, 1873, which will be preserved as long as our Society exists, in remembrance of the orator who so often charmed the members with his presence and his splendid declamation. In 1877, in answer to a call from Queen's University, Kingston, he left Halifax, and assumed the Presidency of that grand Institution, and for fifteen years he, with unwearied diligence and intensity of spirit, effected a financial and educational revolution, and became a power to be accounted with by all educators throughout Canada, and created, from his stalwart and inflexible character, a name and fame which made him revered as a tower of strength and genius. During his connection with the NORTH BRITISH, the Society had associated with him several other grand speakers. At the Quarterly Meetings, Chief Justice Young, Hon. Wm. Garvie, Ed. M. Macdonald, Rev. Charles Grant, and others, would shine in short and brilliant addresses of patriotic fervor. It is needless to say that no such meetings could be duplicated the world over, and that we have to congratulate ourselves upon the preservation of at least three illustrations of their matchless eloquence, in those splendid eulogies of Grant, Garvie and Young, which adorn and enhanced the value of this volume.

Dr. Grant died on 11th May, 1902, lamented by all Canada as a patriot and scholar who had given his best talents to the service of his country.

1874.

A most successful year; a popular and enthusiastic president; a splendid and increasing roll of members; interest of the warmest kind apparent at every meeting; business and cordiality joined at every gathering of members, which were attractive and free from all formality and reserve.

At February meeting the following proposed at last Annual Meeting were balloted for and elected, viz:

D. H. Duncan,	Walter Fairbairn,
Wm. Cunningham,	Frank Morrison,
Wm. McDonald,	Robt. T. Braine,
J. H. McDaniel,	Evan Morrison,
Geo. Morrison,	John Wilson,
Alex. Bremner,	J. McLennan,

A. C. Mitchell,

and the following were proposed and elected at subsequent meetings, viz:

John McKenzie,	Isaac Murray,
Jas. B. Forgan,	Andrew Macdonald,
John Cameron,	Robt. Esson,
H. C. Evans,	Dr. W. M. Cameron,
Wm. Thompson,	Charles Grant,
Jas. S. Scott,	Jas. Esson,
J. R. Gordon,	Alex. Grant,
John Taylor,	Geo. S. Campbell,
D. L. Stewart,	Jas. G. Fraser,
John Wilson,	John H. Anderson,

and Hon. Wm. Annand was added to roll of Perpetual Members.

It was agreed this year, after discussing Report of Back Dues Committee, that in future any old member in arrears could, by payment of forty dollars, have back dues cancelled and be placed on Perpetual Roll.

The *Conversazione* held on 26th March, at Halifax Hotel in celebration of the 106th Anniversary of the formation of the Society, was a magnificent success. Over 300 present. The music, speeches, dancing and refreshments were to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Society lost by death in May, E. M. Macdonald, its talented Vice-President, editor of *The Journal*, and Collector of Port of Halifax. A minute of the Society's regret was ordered to be recorded, and a copy sent to the family.

Rev. Geo. M. Grant was, at the August meeting, elected to fill the vacant office for remainder of term.

The report of the Building Committee, appointed to procure a suitable plan for a Building for the Society, represented that a good site was available for a Hall in a central part of the City, and submitted a plan which was favorably considered and approved by the members. A new committee was appointed to report further on the matter, but the want of funds for the purpose, led, after repeated reports, to its being dropped.

The death of another most estimable member, Donald Murray, was announced this year. For a generation Mr. Murray was head and front of all Scottish interests in the country; his decease was heard of with profound regret. As President, he filled the Chair twice, and for many years was Chairman of Committee of Charity. It was decided by the Society to place his name on Perpetual list, and as a mark of the members' esteem for deceased, the members to each contribute a small amount toward this object, and complete same during next year. A minute of the Society's estimation of deceased was also placed on record, and a copy sent to the family.

The Annual Meeting was largely attended, the reports all interesting, and showing the Society well to the front in efficiency and prospects.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1875:

Rev. Geo. M. Grant, D. D., *President*;
Jas. C. Mackintosh, *Vice-President*;
John H. Johnston, *Senr. Asst. Vice-President*;
Hon. Jas. McDonald, *Junr. do., do.*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
J. J. Stewart, *Secretary*;
Lydiard McIntosh, *Asst. Secretary*;

Alex. Stephen, Senr.,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Jas. Farquhar,		
Wm. Hedley,		
Dr. T. R. Fraser,		
M. M. Lindsay,	}	<i>Committee Back Dues;</i>
J. Brenton Gordon,		
Benj. A. Taylor,		
Wm. Hood, <i>Marshal;</i>		
Rev. John Campbell, <i>Chaplain;</i>		
John Patterson, <i>Piper and Messenger;</i>		

The Festival of St. Andrew was grandly celebrated. The Society attended Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church, when the annual sermon was preached by the Chaplain, Rev. John Campbell; the music on the occasion was beautiful. After service, the members and guests assembled at Halifax Hotel, where the usual dinner was held. The President, Rev. G. M. Grant, was supported by a company composing the leading men of the Society and City. The Lient.-Governor, Chief Justice Young, Hon. Peter Mitchell, Hon. Jas. McDonald, General Laurie, the Mayor, and many of the Army and Navy. The dinner well served, the wines excellent and abundant and the good humor and fellowship of the company perfect. The Chairman, a brilliant man, set a good example in short, witty and pithy introductions to the toasts. A specimen may be here given:

"His Excellency the Governor-General, (Earl Dufferin). Ripe scholar and enterprising yachtsman, thoughtful statesman, and ready orator, man of letters, and man of the world, well may we be proud of him as he is proud of this Dominion, over which he rules as representative of our Queen."

And so on through a long list, his brief trenchant and elegant introductions were marvels of condensed and brilliant thought, and worthy of preservation as models for all future occupants of the Chair on St. Andrew's

night. The music, thoroughly Scottish and patriotic, was a great feature of this most successful dinner. The speeches by Chief Justice Young and the Lieut.-Governor and other notables were, as usual, good. The Company separated at 2 a. m., in great harmony, a signal triumph for the cloth in our Society, as Mr. Grant was the first clergyman who ever occupied the Chair of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

As might be anticipated with so eminent a Divine in the Chair, the Society flourished. The following were admitted during the year as Ordinary Members:

A. M. Scott,	H. Kennedy,
John Sutherland,	John R. Murray,
Henry McKenzie,	Norman Sinclair,
Robt. A. Brims,	John Campbell,
Alex. McDonald,	J. M. Robinson,
Hon. W. Ross,	And. Grant,
A. A. Turnbull,	James Halliday,
John Jack,	A. McKay,
Geo. Taylor,	Jas. Fraser,
Fred. Fraser,	Robt. Fairgrave,
Rev. Allan Pollok	Thos. Fysche,
Neil C. Duff,	J. R. Macdonald,
Henry J. Esson,	John McLeod,
Geo. L. Grant,	

and the name of Donald Murray was placed on Perpetual List by private subscription of friends who thus paid a tribute to the worth, work and memory of this most estimable member.

The following were elected Honorary Members:

Alex. McKay, M. P. P.,	} Pictou.
Hugh J. Cameron,	

At the May meeting a Mr. Somerled Dalziel was introduced to the Society. He wishing the Society to help him contest his claim to the Earldom of Carnworth

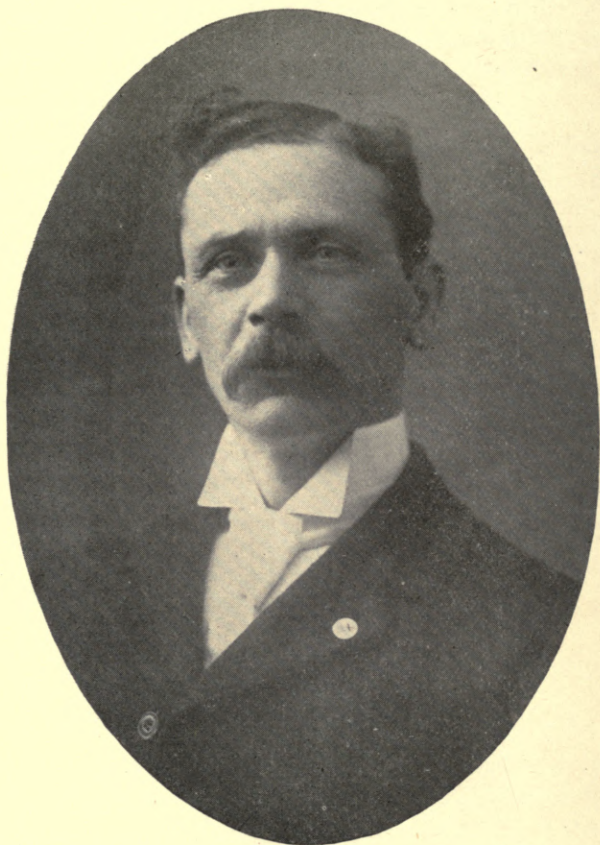
was aided by members in his subsequent efforts, and obtained a large amount in settlement of his demand, although he failed in obtaining the Earldom.

The Society disbursed a large amount in Charity, \$878, many applicants being liberally dealt with. The Dispensary was granted \$50, and other charities remembered, giving an idea of the liberality and usefulness of this Institution.

At the Annual Meeting, after disposal of a large amount of business, the election of office-bearers for 1876 resulted as follows:

Hon. James McDonald,	<i>President;</i>
Jas. C. Mackintosh,	<i>Vice-President;</i>
Robert Sedgewick,	<i>Senr. Asst. do.;</i>
Peter Grant,	<i>Junr. do., do.;</i>
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
John J. Stewart,	} <i>Secretaries;</i>
Jas. S. Macdonald,	
A. Stephen, Senr.,	} <i>Committee of Charity.</i>
Dr. Fraser,	
John Watson,	
John Taylor,	
John P. Muir,	
Wm. Hood,	<i>Marshal;</i>
Rev John Campbell,	<i>Chaplain;</i>
John Patterson,	<i>Piper and Messenger.</i>

The Festival was well honored, but the sermon was abandoned, as it interfered with the dinner. The Festival was held at Halifax Hotel, and was marked by a grand attendance of members and guests. The Governor, the General and Staff, Judges, Mayor, and a goodly number of notables being present. Hon. Jas. McDonald filled the Chair most acceptably. The toasts well introduced and responded to by many eloquent speakers, among whom were Governor Archibald, Chief Justice Young, Judge W. A. Henry, John S. D. Thompson, Robt. Sedgewick.



JAMES HALLIDAY

wick, Rev. G. M. Grant, and a host of others who subsequently became occupants of most distinguished positions. The list was disposed of by 2 a. m. The dinner and celebration were in every way a credit to the Society.

Biographical Note—1874.

James Halliday, born at Hutton, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, 1853, educated at Dumfries. In early life he took an active part in military matters, and was prominent for several years in the 105th Lanarkshire Highland Volunteers, a kilted corps, of which the Marquis of Lorne was Colonel. He came to Halifax in 1873, and joined the Society in 1874, and since then has occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-Chairs of the Society, and was elected President for current year (1905). He is District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Order, a most active member of the City Council, Chief of Clan McLean, elected a second term, and was its first Past Chief, and has proved himself a good representative Scottish citizen and an energetic and trusted member of our Society.

Biographical Note—1875.

Chief Justice McDonald, born in Nova Scotia, 1828, of Highland descent; called to the Bar of Nova Scotia 1851, created a Q. C., 1867; entered politics early in life, and was several times elected to the Local Assembly, and to House of Commons; Minister of Justice, 1878; appointed Chief Justice of Nova Scotia 1881. Joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, 1864, and has taken a warm interest in all pertaining to the Institution. After filling several offices, he was elected President in 1876, a position he filled with great acceptance. He has proved himself not only a popular member, but a worthy successor to the several Chief Justices who have filled the office of President since our foundation.

1876.

The quarterly meetings of this year were attended by a remarkably large number of members. The third conversazione held at Hesslein's Hall 26th March, was an immense success. The pipe music a specialty.

The Society has gained great credit for this most popular style of entertainment, allowing the families of the Society to participate in the enjoyment of the celebration.

Over 400 were present. Speeches, music and dancing made the time pass rapidly to 1 a m., when the company separated.

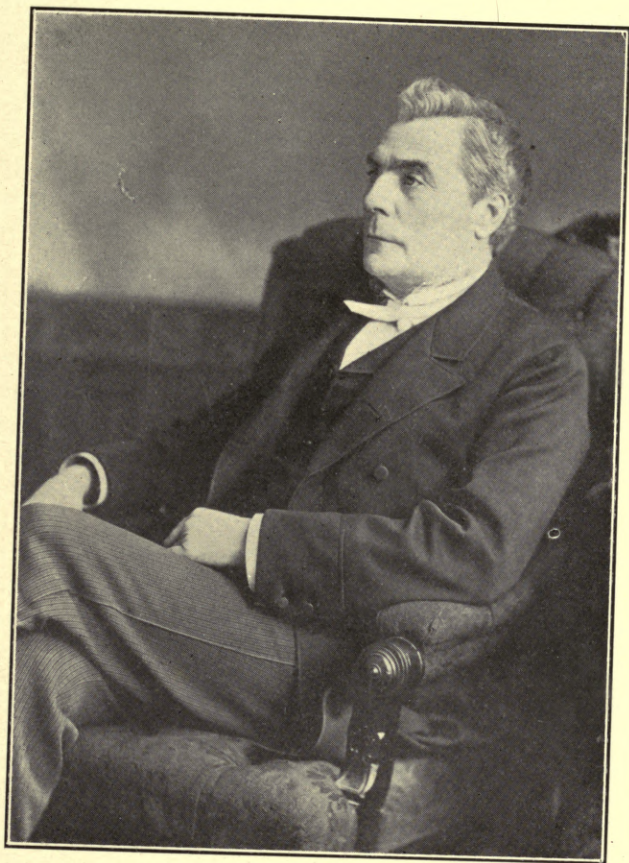
The following were elected Ordinary Members during the year:

John Lyle,	John McLaughlin,
Wm Knight	Chas. Ross,
J. M G. Stewart,	John Cameron,

and Wm. Bauld and James Thomson, for over 50 years members, were placed by payment of \$40 each on Perpetual List.

The Chaplain, Rev. John Campbell, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of this City, at the August meeting announced his near departure for Edinburgh, where he had been called, and tendered his resignation of office. It was accepted, and his name added to roll of Honorary Members, as a mark of the Society's appreciation of his services.

At the Annual Meeting, the assets of Society were reported to be \$7,211.42, although a large sum had been expended in charity. The Society also decided that on and after next Festival of St. Andrew, whenever the same is celebrated by a dinner, the sum of one dollar be deducted from cost of ticket of each member attending, and paid out of funds of the Society on presentation of the Secretary's memo to the Treasurer, certified by the President.



CHIEF JUSTICE M'DONALD

The Society, at this date, was in the height of prosperity. In eight years the Roll of Ordinary Members had increased steadily from 120 in 1868 to 278 in 1876. The Perpetual List also showed substantial gains. So that the active membership of the Society could now be counted at nearly three hundred. This betokened a living interest in the Institution by many enthusiastic workers, and good executive results in all departments. The Presidents had been well selected; only popular and efficient men being elected. Strong efforts were made by all to increase the Roll, and many of the younger men of the Scottish community were secured, and the meetings were marked by a splendid attendance. The suppers were models of social enjoyment. The flow of wit, song and sentiment was far above the average of such gatherings, and were all occasions worthy of remembrance. Rev. George M. Grant, Hon. Wm. Young, Geo. Buist, Capt John Taylor, John P. Muir, John Doull, Alexander Stephen, John H. Johnstone, Alexander Scott, John S. Maclean, and a host of other worthy members constantly attended the Quarterly Meetings. Those fraternal gatherings were scenes of cultivated patriotic and hallowed intercourse, worthy the membership of the Society.

The quarterly dues were raised this year to one dollar. The old trouble about the suppers was again up for discussion, but was finally settled at two hot and two cold as at present. The election of office-bearers for 1877 resulted as follows:

Jas. C. Mackintosh, *President*;
Hon W. Ross, *Vice do.*;
Chas. J. Macdonald, *Senr. Asst. do.*;
J. H. Johnston, *Junr. do. do.*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
Jas. B. Forgan, *Secretary*;
Geo. S. Campbell, *Asst. do.*;

Alex. Stephen, Senr,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
John Watson,		
J. P. Muir,		
Dr. T. R. Fraser		
John Taylor,		
Rev. Allan Pollok, D. D.,		<i>Chaplain;</i>
J. S. MacKay,		<i>Marshal;</i>
John Patterson,		<i>Piper.</i>

The Festival of St. Andrew was splendidly celebrated by the members and guests dining together at the Halifax Hotel; all the notables of the Province were there. The Lieut.-Governor, the Chief Justice, the heads of Departments, the Presidents of St. George's and Irish Societies, the Judges and other distinguished members and guests.

The programme of toasts was appropriately headed:

“AS SCOTSMEN AND AS PATRIOTS,

WE, TO-DAY, CELEBRATE THE MEMORY OF THE

LOYALISTS OF 1776,

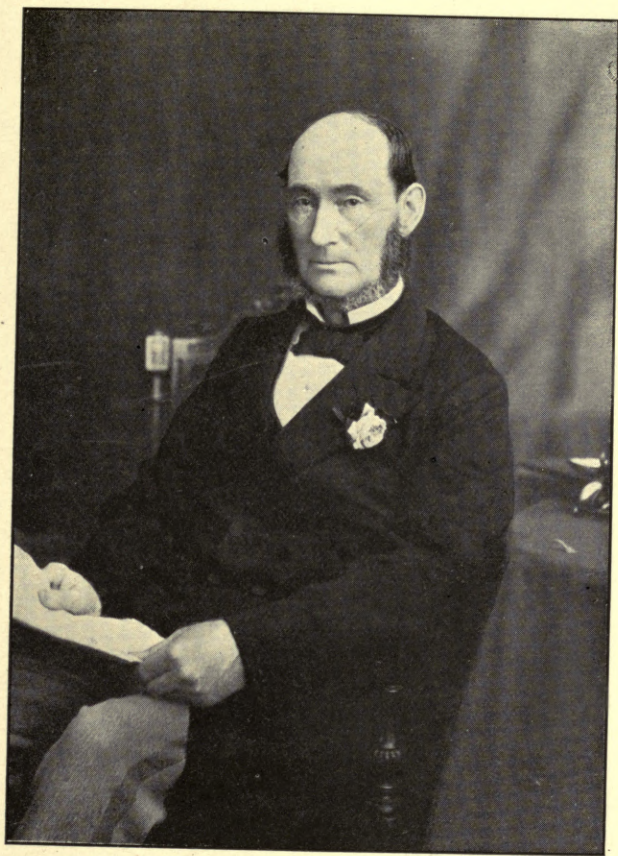
MANY OF WHOM WERE ACTIVE AND ZEALOUS MEMBERS

OF OUR

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

in memory of the brave self-sacrificing men who came to us from over the border a century ago.”

The President, James C. Mackintosh, discharged the honors of the Chair with great satisfaction to all participating. His introductions to the various toasts were perfect, vivid, picturesque and condensed; they fell upon the ear like the rapid firing of a well-served battery. The excellent replies, for many good speakers were present. Among the speakers on this occasion was the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, who made a notable address. This was his last appearance at a celebration of Saint Andrew in Halifax. The well arranged concerted pieces of Scottish music and the grandly served tables—may we add



HON. WILLIAM ANNAND

the fine wines which were all used temperately, left not a prosy moment from 8 to 2 a m, when the company parted in great harmony.

1877.

A good President, a good staff of Assistants, and quarterly meetings well attended, could have but one result—a successful year for the Institution.

The following were elected members:

R. B. Baxter,	Alex. Walker,
J. M. Patterson,	Roderick Macdonald, I. C. R.,
W. M. Macdonald,	Jas. Fraser,
Jas. R. Fraser,	Thos. Grant,
Rev. Thos. Duncan,	Jas. Yeoman.

Lt. Norman Leckie, 97th Regt.

Alex. Stephen, Senr., and Jas. S. Macdonald were, by payment of \$40 each, unanimously elected Perpetual Members, and Rev. G. M. Grant, leaving Halifax for Kingston, and Alex. Shearer were transferred to Honorary List.

300 copies Rules and By-Laws were printed. \$50 donated to Dispensary. \$500 expended by Charity Committee. And the minutes of meetings shew in the discussions of various subjects before Society an interest by members generally, an excellent index of the Society's prosperity.

At the Annual Meeting, which was largely attended, the following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year:

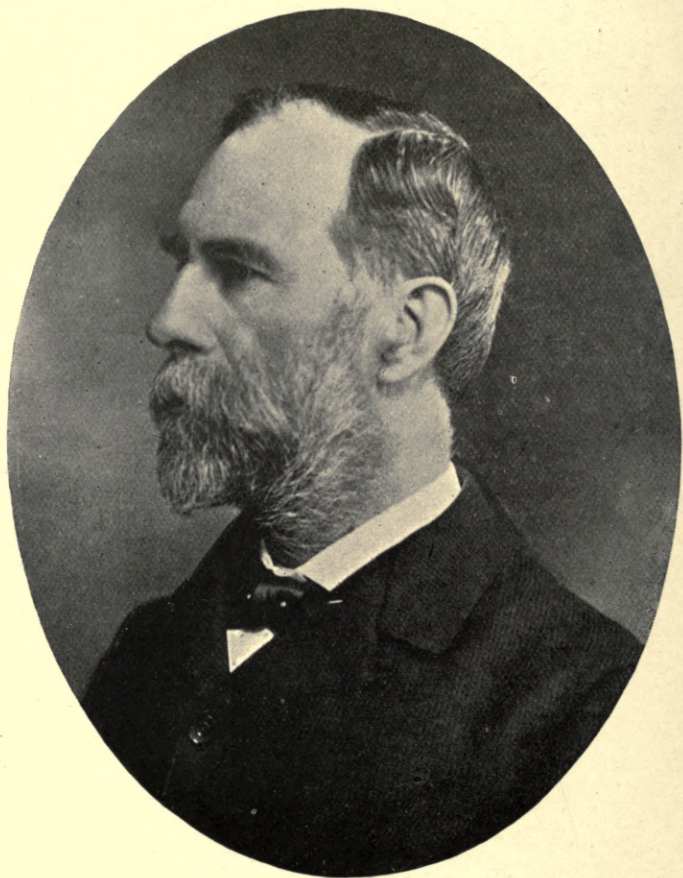
Hon. W. Ross, *President*;
 Alex. Stephen, *Vice do.*;
 Dr. T. R. Fraser, *Senr Asst. do.*;
 Dr. A. P. Reid, *Junr. do., do.*;
 Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
 Jas. B. Forgan, *Secretary*;
 Geo. S. Campbell, *Asst. do.*;

John Watson,	}	<i>Committee of Charity.</i>
John P. Muir,		
John Taylor,		
Duncan Grant,		
Angus McLeod,		
Hugh Murray,	}	<i>Back Dues:</i>
Geo. S. Campbell,		
J. S. McKay,		
Rev. Prpf. Pollok, D. D.,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. Thomas Duncan,		
J. S. McKay, <i>Marshal;</i>		
John Patterson, <i>Piper and Messenger.</i>		

The satisfactory work of Treasurer and Secretary was duly acknowledged by vote of thanks of Society.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the usual dinner at Halifax Hotel. The toast list was as follows:

- I. THE PIOUS MEMORY OF SAINT ANDREW.
- II. THE QUEEN :
The Mother of Her People.
- III. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE ROYAL FAMILY
- IV. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, AND HIS HONOR
THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.
- V. SCOTLAND, THE FATHER LAND :
Ever Dear to Scotsmen
- VI. THE LAND WE LIVE IN :
" Home, Sweet Home "
- VII. OUR GUESTS :
We give them a Scottish Welcome.
- VIII. THE CLERGY :
Self-denying and Faithful.
- IX. OUR SISTER SOCIETIES :
Co-labourers in the Great Work of Charity.
- X. ARMY, NAVY, AND LOCAL FORCES :
The Nation's Bulwarks.
- XI. THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION :
Protectors of Civic Rights.



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- XII. THE POETS OF SCOTLAND :
A Long and Illustrious Line.
- XIII. THE BENCH AND BAR :
The Safeguard of the Liberties of the People.
- XIV. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.
- XV. THE PRESS :
Mightier than the Sword.
- XVI. THE FAIR DAUGHTERS OF ACADIA :
They Boom amid the Snow.
- XVII. OUR NEXT MERRY MEETING :
Auld Lang Syne.

Among the speakers were two Perpetual Members, (their last appearance before the Society), Alex. McLeod and James Thomson, who were respectively 52 and 53 years members of the Institution.

The music, Scottish and patriotic, was beautiful, and loudly applauded by the company, which parted at 3 a. m., delighted.

Biographical Note—1877.

James C. Mackintosh, son of John Mackintosh, one of the best known Scotsmen of his generation in Halifax, was born in this city in 1841, joined the Society in 1859, and is to-day one of its most esteemed and active members. After serving as Secretary in 1860, and Senior and Junior Vice, he was elected President in 1877, and filled the office to the great satisfaction of the members, becoming a Perpetual Member in 1897. Mr. Mackintosh's business career has been marked by great activity. As a banker, he has won success, and in various positions demanding brain power and resource, he has given good service to the various Institutions he has been connected with. In the City Council as Alderman and Mayor, he inaugurated several improvements and public works of considerable magnitude. While Mayor, he laid the

foundation of the Dry Dock, one of the finest in America, and was the means of renovating the old Parade, and having it rebuilt, giving it foundations and walls worthy of the pyramids to surround and support a public breathing place identified with the earliest days of our City, and now, instead of an unsightly ruin, a joy to every beholder. For this the citizens must thank the then Mayor, who thus redeemed the appearance of our City. As an active member of the Society, Mr. Mackintosh is still to the front, and was unanimously elected a member of the Committee under whose supervision the present edition of Annals is being published.

1878.

The 4th *Conversazione*, held on 4th March, 1878, at Masonic Hall, in commemoration of the 111th Anniversary of the Society, was a brilliant reunion.

This was a busy year with the Society. The appointment of the Marquis of Lorne as Governor-General of Canada, who, with the Princess Louise, arrived at Halifax on 26th Nov., brought the Society very prominently before the public as an Institution having a national intent and right to be to the front in any welcome which would be accorded this distinguished pair. The Society appointed a committee to prepare an address to the Marquis, which was beautifully engraved and illuminated on parchment, and read as follows:

To His Excellency the most Honorable John, Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, of Halifax, embrace the earliest opportunity of offering to Your Excellency a hearty Scottish welcome to Canada.



MARQUIS OF LORNE

Our charitable Society has from time to time, during its existence of one hundred and ten years, enrolled amongst its members, or entertained as its guests, many of Scotland's most distinguished sons, but we have never felt a greater pride than at this moment when we are privileged to welcome to Nova Scotia the heir to the fortunes and traditions of the historic House of Argyle. As Scotsmen, we cannot fail at this time to remember the distinguished part which your ancient and noble family has, during trying periods, taken in the eventful history of Scotland, and the great sacrifices which so many of your forefathers have made in the cause of civil and religious liberty, and we consider it a most fortunate event that has given to Your Excellency, as the representative of Her Majesty, in this large, important and loyal dependency of the British Crown, an opportunity of earning distinction for yourself, and increasing the fame of your illustrious House.

As loyal subjects we recognize the distinction which Her Most Gracious Majesty has conferred upon us in the appointment of one so nearly allied to the Throne, and entrusting to the generous devotion of the people of Canada a beloved and distinguished member of her own family; and to Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise we beg to tender an enthusiastic and respectful welcome.

In conclusion, let us assure your Excellency of that unabated loyalty to the Throne which has ever distinguished our race, and of our deep respect for your Excellency as Her Majesty's representative, and to express the hope that the term of your administration may be one of prosperity and peace to the nation and much happiness to you and your Royal Consort, and that when, in the inevitable course of events, you are called to leave us, you may carry with you a pleasing remembrance of your sojourn in the Dominion of Canada.

REPLY.

Gentlemen of the North British Society of Halifax:

The thanks of Her Majesty's representative are due to you for the expression of loyal devotion to the Queen which characterizes your address, and I thank you for your happy allusion to the pledge of affection given by Her Majesty to Canada in permitting her daughter to make her home among its people.

The charitable society which you represent, and which has done so much to assist our fellow-countrymen, not only those who actually hail from Scotland, but all deserving the honor of your support, shows that you, in this land, have not forgotten the ancient traditions of your country, but that you are ready to lend a helping hand where such may tend to alleviate distress, and that you are as easily touched by sympathy for your fellow-countrymen as were your fathers, whose good-will to men has made the phrase "a kindly Scot" a familiar word. You may be sure that the interests of your Society will always find in me a friend.

The subjects of Her Majesty, belonging as they all do to one mighty Empire, are bound in honour to use their vast energies for the prosperity of the whole, but it does not detract from their power to do so, but on the contrary promotes it that they should bear in remembrance from what nation they come, and that such memories should stir to a useful rivalry the energies of each.

I thank you for the good will you have shown to me personally, and you may well believe how pleasant it is to me to receive a welcome from so useful, energetic and representative a body as the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, with whose history many who have never set foot here are familiar, and whose long and illustrious list of members speaks of the estimation in which it has at all times been held.

LORNE.

Halifax, Nov. 26th, 1878.

The reception was enthusiastic, and embraced representatives from Pictou, Sydney, Antigonish, Charlottetown, and other Scottish centres, and the procession was picturesque and impressive.

The NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY'S Arch, erected on Pleasant St., near the Presbyterian Manse, was far and away ahead of all the other arches erected. At night it was illuminated and representing, as it did, the battlements and towers of Inverary Castle, it was greatly admired by the Princess and Marquis.

During the year the following were elected Ordinary Members:

Lt. General Sir Patrick L. McDougall, K. C. B.,	
Col. A. S. Cameron, V. C. 26th Cameronians,	
John Murray,	Donald Munro,
John Brunton,	Jas. Jack,
John Dewar,	Rev. Robt. Laing,
John Whitlan,	Thos. Wilson,
Geo. Cunningham.	

And the following were elected Honorary Members:

Geo. Hogg, Galashields,
Frank Morrison.
J. Scott Hutton,

and John McNab was elected a Perpetual Member, on paying the sum of \$40.

A pleasing incident connected with the Charity Committee occurred this year. Several of our countrymen were helped by the Society to return to Scotland. They had not more than got across the Atlantic when the amount was returned, over \$150, with the warmest thanks of the parties so relieved out of temporary difficulties. The various reports of Treasurer and Committees showed a most successful year. The total assets, at close of year, \$7,300.

The following were chosen office-bearers for 1879:

Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Macdonald, *President*;

Robt. Sedgewick, *Vice do.*;

John Watson, *Senr. Asst. do.*;

Roderick Macdonald, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

Jas. B. Forgan, *Secretary*;

Geo. S. Campbell, *Asst. do.*;

John Taylor,

Duncan Grant,

J. P. Muir,

Angus McLeod,

J. Scott Mitchell,

Rev. Thos. Duncan,

Rev. Prof. Pollok, D. D. } *Chaplains*;

J. J. McKay, *Marshall*;

John Patterson, *Piper*.

} *Committee of Charity.*

It was decided that as St. Andrew's this year falls on Saturday, the celebration of the Festival take place on Monday, 2nd December.

The Festival was celebrated by the annual dinner at Halifax Hotel. Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Macdonald, President, presided, having on his right, General Sir Patrick L. Macdougall, on his left the Admiral, Sir E. A. Inglefield, and right and left a brilliant company, among whom were Chief Justice Sir W. Young, Judge Des-Barres, Capt. D'Arcy Irving, of the Flag Ship, with several other officers of the Navy, the officers of the General's Staff, General Laurie, Col. Cameron, V. C., 26th Cameronians, Col. Freemantle, Coldstream Guards, Hon. John S. D. Thompson, Premier Holmes, Rev. Prof. Pollok, Rev. Thos. Duncan, the Mayor, Hon. Samuel Creelman, and many other leading men. The Vice-Chairman, Robt. Sedgewick, was supported by Col. Annesly and Capt. Tweedie, 97th Regt. 150 were present; the members comprising largely the wealth and



LT.-COL. CHAS. J. MACDONALD

intelligence of Halifax. The toast list, a long one, was got through with by 2 a. m. The speech of the evening was given by Admiral Inglefield, who was born in Halifax, his father being in charge of the Dockyard here at the time. The Admiral spoke of his career, his pride and affection for Halifax, his veneration for the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, having heard his father speak of the dinners he had attended of the Society so long ago, and congratulated the Society on the great success it had scored in the welcome to the Princess during the past week. The Admiral related an anecdote worth preserving. In the fleet at present in the harbor was the Frigate *Black Prince*, commanded by the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Her Majesty. The Prince was last week called upon by a black woman from Preston, who appeared very anxious to see him, as she always thought Her Majesty was white, her curiosity being aroused to know how if white, she had a son a Black Prince. The woman had got the ship and Captain mixed, with above result. Sir Wm. Young's speech was loudly cheered, being of unusual force and eloquence. Sir Wm. said he had been a member of the NORTH BRITISH for over a half a century, and he was never so proud of her as to-night. He was, although growing old, feeling all his old Scottish fervor. When he saw last week the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY Arch, when he heard so many grand pipers, he felt all the ardor of his old enthusiasm. People asked him, "Can you admire the music?" Of course he did. Was it not a remembrance of the old glory and the new glory as well, of Scotland? People also ask, why do you Nova Scotians love Britain so well? Why should we not love Britain? Was it nothing to be associated with the greatest Empire in the world?

The gallant Highlander, Col. Cameron, who won the Victoria Cross in India, in one of the most gallant achievements of the time, also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to stand there as a member of the NORTH BRITISH, a

Society he had heard much of from brother officers in all parts of the Empire.

General McDougall, in replying, also spoke of his having lately joined the NORTH BRITISH, a Society his father had joined when Inspector of Militia of Nova Scotia in 1829. Sir John Thompson, General Laurie, Dr. Pollok, Robt. Sedgewick, and others, delivered stirring and eloquent speeches.

The music was also a feature, principally chorus, "Scots wae hae," "Annie Laurie," "Will ye nae come back again," "Bonnie Doon," etc., joined in and greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all present. The Festival, in method, finish of detail, enthusiasm, and attendance, was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the Society.

Biographical Notes—1878.

General Sir Patrick Leonard McDougall, born in Sutherlandshire, 1818, entered the army as 2nd Lieut. in 1836, was in India for 10 years in hard campaign duty all the time; also, through the Crimean War with great credit; 4 medals. Transferred at close of war to the Intelligence Department, and was in command of the forces in Canada when Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne were here in 1878; became member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He was a popular commander and author of several valuable military works—"The Theory of War," "Modern Warfare as influenced by Modern Artillery," "Campaigns of Hannibal," "Sutherlandshire men who distinguished themselves in the service of H. E. I. Company," and other works. The General died in 1893, aged 75 years, leaving no issue.



LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR PATRICK L. M'DOUGALL, K. C. B.

Lieut.-Col. Charles J. Macdonald, a son of Robert Macdonald, Dornoch, Scotland, was born in Halifax, 1841, and educated at Dalhousie College School, then studied law, and was called to the Bar in 1872. Took an active part in militia matters; Lieut.-Col. 66th Halifax Battalion, 1874, served in the North-West rebellion, (medal), also medals for long service and Fenian Raid; Grand Master of Freemasons, 1888, 1889; elected member for Halifax in N. S. Assembly, 1878, also member of Holmes-Thompson cabinet until his appointment to Post Office Inspectorship in 1879, which position he occupied until his death. He joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in 1873, was elected President in 1878, and became Perpetual Member in 1902. He was a favorite in the Society, and died greatly regretted in 1903.

1879.

The meetings of the Society this year, were interesting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Alex. Walker, an artist, who had designed a splendid diploma for members of the Society. Mr. Walker was presented with a diploma, grandly framed, for his talent displayed in designing the Arch, and for many gratuitous services he had rendered the Society in connection with the recent Governor General's reception. Complimentary diplomas were also ordered by the Society to be presented to Sir W. Young, John Brander, John Gibson, Alex. McLeod, James Thomson, all old and most esteemed members. A very handsomely framed diploma for the Marquis of Lorne was also forwarded to Ottawa on his election as Honorary Member.

The following were admitted members during the year:

John S. Dodd,	Israel M. Ross,
J. M. Chisholm,	Alex. Ramsay,
•	Jas. Morrison.

H. F. McDougall and Marquis of Lorne were elected Honorary Members.

Mr. A. McKenzie, editor of the "Celtic Magazine," Inverness, a talented lecturer visiting Nova Scotia, delivered a lecture in August on Bruce, under the auspices of the Society, at the Academy. Mr. McKenzie was subsequently entertained by the members of NORTH BRITISH and Highland Societies at a most enjoyable supper. After his return to Scotland, Mr. McKenzie, in a most brilliant article in his magazine, acknowledged the great honor that had been paid him in Halifax. The Society this year lost a foremost member in Geo. Buist, whose death was greatly lamented. A letter of condolence was sent to the family, and minute of esteem for his long service in Societys interests ordered to be entered upon the books of the Institution.

The various reports presented showed that all Society's affairs had been well attended to, several needy countrymen had been forwarded to Scotland and many had been relieved and looked after by Charity Committee.

The Treasurer's reports showed that the Charity Committee had spent \$538. The balance over and above private subscriptions of members to Society's reception to Governor-General and Princess, paid by Treasurer, was \$216. That the cost of printing one thousand Certificates of Membership was \$137; that \$60 had been paid to Society's bursary Dalhousie College, and other amounts, making a total of \$1,350 spent during the year.

At Annual Meeting the following members were chosen office-bearers for 1880:

Hon. Robert Sedgewick, *President*;
Rev. Allan Pollok, D. D., *Vice do.*;
Roderick Macdonald, *Senr. Asst. Vice*;
Dr. W. M. Cameron, *Junr. Asst. Vice*;

Geo. Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Geo. S. Campbell, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
James Yeoman, <i>Asst. do.</i> ;	
John P. Muir,	
Alex. Stephen	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
J. Scott Mitchell,	
Angus McLeod,	
Duncan Grant,	
J. S. McKay, <i>Marshal</i> ;	
Rev. Robert Laing,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;
Rev. Thomas Duncan,	
John Patterson, <i>Piper</i> .	

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated on Monday, 1st Dec. (the Anniversary falling on Sunday) by the members and guests dining together at Halifax Hotel; a large assemblage surrounded the tables. The President, Robt. Sedgewick, well discharged his duties, ably assisted by Dr. Pollok, Vice-Chairman. The Governor, the General, the Chief Justice, the Judges and numerous representatives of the Bar of the Province, Premier Holmes and the Local Cabinet, and the Presidents of Sister Societies were among the guests present. Dispatches of congratulation were read from Sister Scottish Societies in New York, Philadelphia, and Montreal, also one from Rev. Principal Grant, Kingston. The speeches were excellent as usual, indeed a poor speaker is seldom or never heard at the Society's dinners. Chief Justice Young, although about to celebrate his 81st birthday and golden wedding, showed that he could "join the ripe oratory of age to the fervor and glow of youth." The reply of Attorney-General J. S. D. Thompson to the Bench and Bar was a great effort. Commissary General Murray and General Laurie, Senator Almon, and others, added to the interest of the celebration. The company separated at 2 a. m., not one leaving the table until Auld Lang Syne gave the signal for retreat.

Biographical Notes—1879.

Alexander Stephen, Jr., born at Halifax, 1845, son of Alex. Stephen, Senr., who was President of the Society in 1867, joined the Society in 1873, and has since that date been among the most useful and active members of the Institution. In 1895 he was elected President, and his administration was marked by much enthusiasm and success. During his term of office as Mayor of Halifax, in 1897, the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated, and resulted in a great burst of loyal and patriotic fervor. The City rose to the occasion, and upon the Mayor fell much of the labor and expense incidental to the position. On 21st June, our Natal Day, he gave a State banquet, the first ever given by a Mayor of this City. It was a brilliant function; among the guests were the mayors of the cities and towns of the Maritime Provinces, the consuls of the different foreign powers, General Lord Seymour, Admiral Sir John Fisher, with a large staff of navy and army officials, Chief Justice Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor Daly, and many of the leading men of the Province. The whole arrangements were carried out under the supervision, and at the entire cost, of the Mayor, and was distinguished by a dignity and thoroughness which reflected great credit upon the City, and placed Halifax in the position it should occupy as leader of the progress and destinies of the Province. This celebration was a most noted one, and was pronounced by the press of the Dominion as a function which could not be duplicated on this side the Atlantic. During Mr. Stephen's term of office, he also received the deputation from Bristol, which came to Halifax to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of Nova Scotia by Cabot. The same summer, the Governor-General, Earl Aberdeen, visited Halifax; in his suite



ALEXANDER STEPHEN, JR.

came several eminent men; receptions, lunches and dinners followed as a matter of course, all of which duties were discharged by the Mayor in a manner reflecting credit upon the City, and upon himself, in the high personal qualifications he brought to aid him in the post he occupied as a representative citizen.

In every way Mr. Stephen has proved a most useful and energetic member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. An eloquent and forcible speaker, he has been always listened to with attention, and his ideas, fresh, original and vigorous, have, during the past thirty years, had much to do in influencing the course of action of the Society.

Hon. William Annand, son of William Annand, who was a foremost member of our Society in 1785, was for many years prominent in politics and journalism in this Province. He will be remembered as a literary man, for his very able compilation of Joseph Howe's letters and public speeches. He joined the Society in 1840, and filled various offices, and was one of the incorporators of the Institution in 1856, and became a Perpetual Member in 1874. He was a worthy and respected member, and a welcome speaker at our social meetings. Late in life he removed to London, and for several years, until his death, filled the position of Agent General for the Dominion.

1880.

The meetings were held this year at Halifax Hotel. The following were admitted Ordinary Members:

Joseph Seeton,	Daniel McDonald,
Neil Matheson,	A. D. McLennan,
David Mitchell,	John Strachan,
Albert E. Thomson,	Jas. Miller,
John McKay,	Rev. Allan Simpson.

Hon. Thos. S. Reid, of Bermuda, a former esteemed Secretary, was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying \$40 to funds of Society.

The various Committees reported favorably of progress of Society. Quite a large number of applicants had been relieved. The taxes of an old worthy member paid. The bagpipes belonging to Society, mislaid for some time, had been recovered. An increase of \$500 in assets was also shown. The proposal to form a Ladies Committee of Charity to co-operate with ordinary committee was almost unanimously declined by the Society, as one not to be entertained, as long as the charitable objects of the Institution can be attended to as they have been for over a century so efficiently. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Geo. Mitchell, the Treasurer, for his efficient work, now extending over a long term of years.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1881:

Rev. Allan Pollok, D. D., *President*;

Angus McLeod, *Vice do.*;

Dr. W. M. Cameron, *Senr. Asst. do.*;

Adam Burns, *Junr. do., do.*;

Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

John B. Johnston, *Secretary*;

R. B. Mackintosh, *Asst. do.*;

Hon. W. Ross,

John McInnes,

J. P. Muir,

J. Scott Mitchell,

Alex. Stephen, *Senr.*,

J. S. McKay, *Marshal*;

Rev. R. Laing,

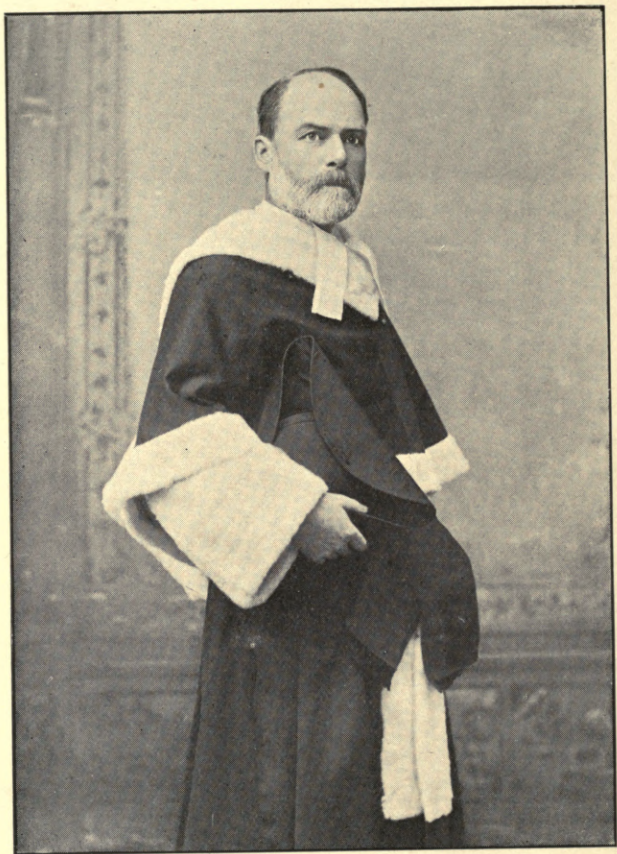
Rev. Allan Simpson,

John Patterson, *Piper*.

} *Committee
of
Charity*;

} *Chaplains*;

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated on 30th November by the annual dinner at Halifax Hotel. The



HON. ROBERT SEDGEWICK

President, Rev. Dr. Pollok, being well supported by a large, influential and enthusiastic company, comprising the Bench and Bar, the Army and Navy, Governor and Local Cabinet, Sister Societies, the Mayor and several Aldermen, and representatives of the leading men of the Province. The table was a credit to the host Hesslein. the wines excellent, and the method, detail and arrangement so perfect, that with good speeches and well-concerted Scottish music, the celebration proved a great success. The programme of toasts, 16, was disposed of by 2 a. m. Among those who responded were the Lieut.-Governor and Chief Justice Young, (his last appearance at the Society) who replied for the Bench and Bar. His response, which occupied about twenty minutes in the delivery, was an almost uninterrupted burst of eloquence, his concluding remarks being worthy of his palmiest days. Cols. Mitchell, Bremner, Sanders and Clerke, Hon. Saml. Creelman, Prof. J. G. McGregor, Col. Raphael, Hon. S. H. Holmes, and others, also gave most patriotic and fitting replies. The beautiful Scottish music given during the evening was greeted with great applause. The celebration altogether was greatly enjoyed by all, and added another social triumph to the credit of the Institution.

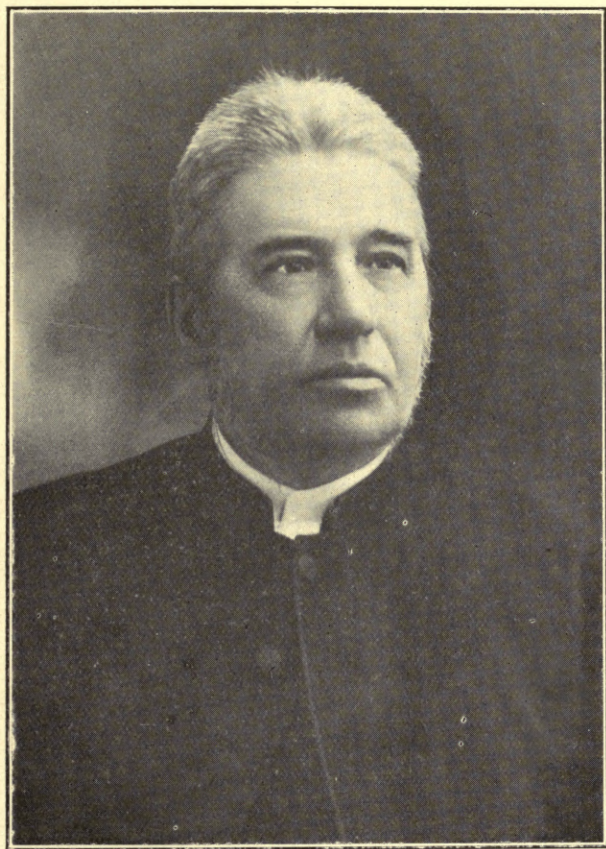
Biographical Notes—1880.

Hon. Robert Sedgewick was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1848, and came at an early age with his parents to Nova Scotia; was educated at Dalhousie College, Halifax, studied law, and was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1873. During the practice of his profession in Halifax, he was elected Recorder of the City, a position he held until he became Deputy Minister of Justice under the late Sir J. S. D. Thompson. In 1893 he was appointed judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, and during the

Session of Parliament in 1904, in the absence of the Earl of Minto, discharged the duties of Governor-General in giving the Royal Assent to bills presented. Judge Sedgewick joined the Society in 1873, and after a long membership and service as Secretary, he was elected President in 1880, and became a Perpetual Member in 1903. For years he has been a popular and useful member, and an eloquent and attractive speaker at the meetings of the Institution.

Rev. Allan Pollok, D. D., was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1830. A son of the manse, his father being minister of a Parish in Fife at the time of his birth. At an early age he was fond of study, and subsequently, at Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities, his attainments in learning were recognized and commended. In 1852 he was ordained and licensed to preach, and setting his face toward the new world, landed at Halifax in January, 1853. His first and only pastoral charge was St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, and from the beginning of his ministry there he wielded a strong influence, not only in his own large congregation, but in all the Kirk congregations of his Presbytery. He commenced his ministerial career with high ideals of the dignity and responsibility of his office, and his ideals always dominated his life. These, joined to accuracy of scholarship and soundness of judgment, soon earned for him the confidence and esteem of the Church in Nova Scotia. Exposition was always a marked feature of his pulpit discourses; his clearness of thought, charm of style, and breadth of mental vision, making him a worthy successor of the many talented Presbyterian Divines who had preceded him in our Scottish Province.

In 1876 he was unanimously chosen and appointed by the United Presbyterian body, Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology in the Presbyterian College,



REV. ALLAN POLLOK, D. D.



COL. CAMERON, TWENTY-SIXTH CAMERONIANS.

Halifax. In 1894 he was elected Principal. For these twenty-eight years he shone brilliantly in this important field of learning, and the work he has wrought will be felt in all parts of our Dominion. As a Scottish historian he has no equal on this continent, and as a practical theologian he has sent forth scores of students well-equipped and armoured for the practical life of the ministry. Both as Preacher and Professor, he has been literally a "Watchman on the Walls of Zion," and from his high place, with clearest vision, has swept the whole horizon round, and with a mental and spiritual alertness, possessed by few, has been quick to discern the signs of the times and adapt his teachings and counsel to the needs of the hour. As a citizen of Halifax, he has been ever distinguished and esteemed as the exponent of the highest type of ministerial manhood. Earnest, sympathetic and outspoken, with a subtle magnetism and winsomeness of manner which made him a general favorite with all classes of the community. Born in old Scotland, the Scotch grit is ingrained in every fibre of his being, and everything pertaining to Scotland, from its Heather to its bagpipes has for him an inevitable charm. As a member of the Society he has been in every way worthy the traditions of the best type of our countrymen, genial, patriotic and sensible; he has proved himself, during a long association with his fellow-members, "*a kindly Scot, in whom there is no guile.*"

Joining the Society in 1875, he was elected President in 1880, and became a Perpetual Member same year. He has always manifested a strong living interest in our Institution, and has greatly enlivened our celebrations of St. Andrew by his wit and eloquence. Generous in his impulses, tireless in his professional industry, and brilliant in his speech, Dr. Pollok occupies a high place in the estimation of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

1881.

The Society's meetings were held at the Halifax Hotel. and the following added to Roll of Ordinary Members :

Prof. J. G. McGregor,	John A. Matheson,
J. S. Potter,	Jas. H. McDonald,
Archibald Lockhart,	Alex. Gunn,
G. G. McLachlan,	Hugh McKenzie,
Alex. Macdonald,	D. McDonald,
D. Chisholm,	James Robertson.

Jas. B. Forgan, for several years a most efficient Secretary, having to remove from the Province, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, and the President, Rev. Allan Pollok, D. D., was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying into the funds of the Society, \$40.

Great interest is apparent on the records of the Society in the work of the year. A picnic on a grand scale was held on 12th August at McNab's Island. The same was well attended. The 101st Band was present, and it altogether proved a most enjoyable occasion. At the August meeting, our fellow member, the great Scottish vocalist, D. Kennedy, was present. The supper which followed, which Mr. Kennedy attended, was a delightful reunion.

The Treasurer's annual statement showed that the assets of the Society had increased to \$8,929, a steady yearly increase, satisfactory and promising. The hearty thanks of the Society were presented to the Treasurer who had discharged his duties so well for the past eleven years. The other Committees reported satisfactorily.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1882:

George Mitchell, *President*;
Dr. W. M. Cameron, *Vice do.*;
Geo. S. Campbell, *Senr. Asst. do.*;
C. F. Fraser, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

Jas. J. Bremner, *Treasurer*;

John B. Johnson, *Secretary*;

R. B. Mackintosh, *Asst. do.*;

David King,

J. P. Muir,

A. Stephen,

J. Scott Mitchell,

John McCrow,

Archibald Lockhart, *Marshal*;

Rev. A. Simpson,

Rev. R. Laing,

John Patterson, *Piper*;

} *Committee of Charity.*

} *Chaplains*;

The celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew by the public dinner, always the great public event of the season, was not behind its predecessors in interest. The company, as usual, was distinguished and numerous. The President, George Mitchell, was supported on his right by the Lieut.-Governor, on his left by Sir John Glover, R. N., K. C. B., Governor of the Leeward Islands, by Chief Justice McDonald, Premier Holmes, and the Local Cabinet, the Bench, a good sprinkling of the Bar, and the majority of the leading merchants of the City. The members of the Society assembled in force, the President's long service to the Society being recognized and appreciated. A new toast was introduced this evening, a bran-new one for our Society: "The President of the United States." It elicited a very lengthy written reply from Rev. W. S. Ralph, pastor of the Universalist Church of this City, who concluded his paper by offering the following sentiment: "American radicalism and British conservatism, the centrifugal and centripetal forces that are to keep the world in the true orbit of individual and national progression."

The speech of Sir John Glover was a most able one, also the response of Chief Justice McDonald for the Bench. It was the first appearance of the Chief before

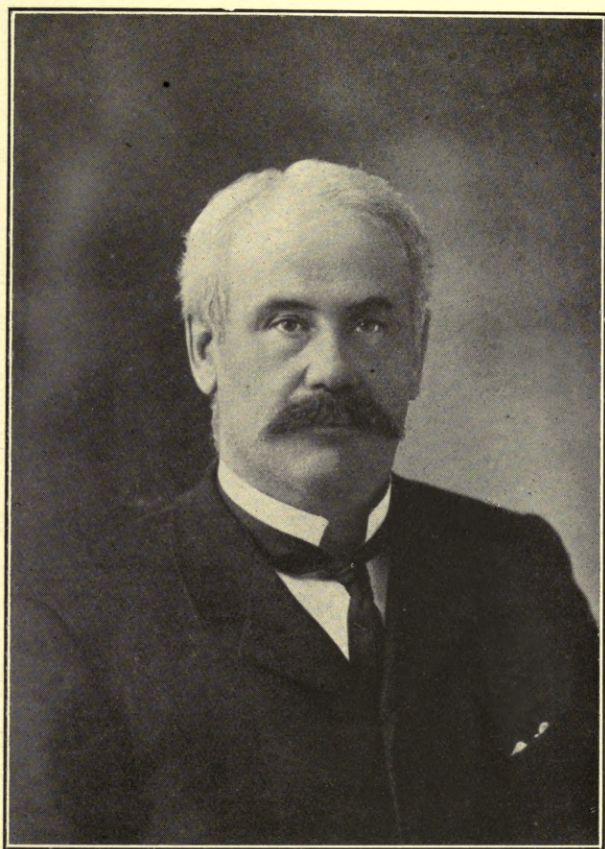
the Society since attaining his new honor,—the fourth Chief Justice—all of whom have been active members and Presidents of the Society,—viz:

Chief Justice	Strange,
“	“ Halliburton,
“	“ Young,
“	“ McDonald.

The Chief Justice referred to his able predecessor who had lately, on account of age, retired from the position, but who was warmly attached like himself to the Society. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Chief received a perfect ovation. Speeches followed from the Lieut.-Governor and other notables, and from leading members. The music was, as usual of late years, a feature, no such music being heard at any other public dinner in Halifax, being far ahead of what is usually listened to on such occasions. The whole get-up of the dinner—the wines—the speeches—the music—all contributed to a most festive, intellectual and temperate celebration, worthy the company, which parted after 2 a. m., in great harmony.

Biographical Note—1881.

J. J. Stewart, a native of Nova Scotia, of Scottish descent, born in 1843, studied law, and called to the Bar in 1867, was for many years a member of the well-known law firm of Sedgewick & Stewart. For a long term of years Mr. Stewart has been engaged in journalistic work, banking and politics, and as a member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY since 1873, he has earned many laurels, serving in nearly all the offices; was elected President in 1896, and conducted a most successful celebration of St. Andrew, and after thirty years' membership, became a Perpetual Member of the Institution



J. J. STEWART

1882.

Under the guidance of an able staff of office-bearers, the business was well attended to.

The following were enrolled members :

John McLean,	W. L. Pitcaithly,
Jas. McIntosh,	Alex. Grant,
Col. Wilsone Black,	A. L. Stephen,
J. A. Turnbull,	Thos. McDonald,
Dr. G. M. Campbell,	Jas. Hendry,
	Jas. Prentice,

and Rev. Dan. McLeod, Spring Hill, and Duncan Waddell, Dartmouth, were elected Honorary Members.

The subject of suppers was again up for discussion, but it was affirmed by the Society, after long consideration, to continue the present arrangement of hot suppers in November and February, and cold ones at May and August meetings of each year.

Letters of condolence were sent to the families of John P. Muir and E. H. Reeves, most esteemed members, who died during the year. John P. Muir was a favorite with the Society, was President in 1874, and was one of the sweetest singers ever numbered amongst the members of the Institution. His decease partially eclipsed the enjoyment of the social meetings; he will be long remembered for his many good works of charity and good fellowship, and for the good service he so long rendered the Society.

An attempt having been made upon the life of the Queen, the Society, at the May meeting, drew up an address congratulating Her Majesty upon her providential escape. The address, beautifully engrossed on parchment, was forwarded through the Governor General.

It read as follows:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen:

The NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, instituted upwards of a century ago, and always animated by a warm and ardent feeling of loyalty to the Crown, beg to approach Your Majesty to express their deep abhorrence at the recent dastardly and insane attempt upon a life so precious, and their gratitude to God that it so signally failed. As a body composed of Scotchmen and their descendants, and enjoying the prosperity and peace which flow from their incorporation with the most beneficent and the most powerful empire in the world, they are warmly attached to the Monarchical institutions under which they have the happiness to live, and earnestly hope that Your Majesty may be long spared to exercise the functions and furnish the perfect model of a Constitutional Sovereign.

Halifax, N. S., 24th May, 1882.

To which was received (in June) the following reply:

*Earl of Kimberley to the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General,
Dominion of Canada:*

Downing Street,

20th June, 1882.

My Lord:

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that the address from the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, Halifax, Nova Scotia, enclosed in your despatch, No. 155, of May, has been laid before the Queen and Her Majesty is most grateful for the sympathy and loyal sentiments expressed in it on the occasion of the recent attempt on Her Majesty's life.

(Signed),

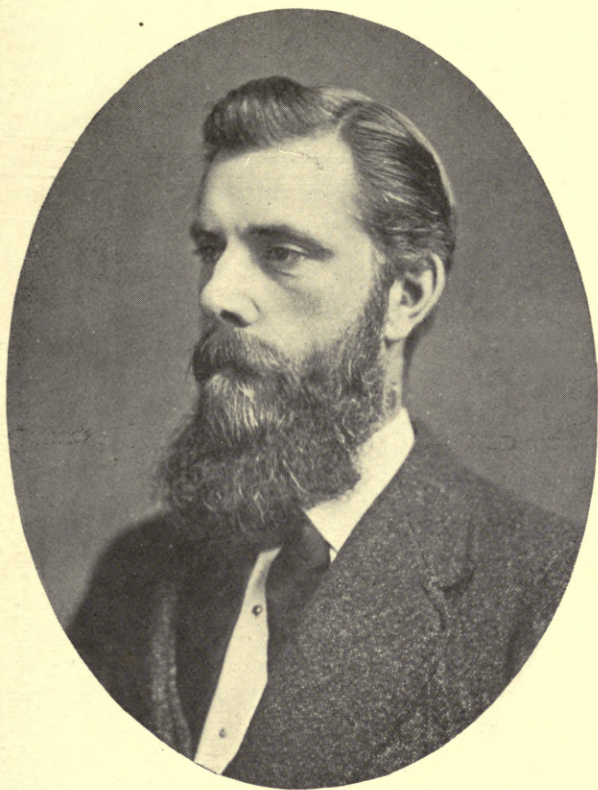
KIMBERLEY.

Governor General.

The RIGHT HONORABLE

The MARQUIS OF LORNE, K. T.,

Canada:



JOHN FORBES

A picnic was held at McNab's Island on 17th August by the Society, and was well attended and enjoyed by members.

At the Annual Meeting, which was marked by a large attendance, the Treasurer's report showed the funds of the Society had increased to \$9,691, a most satisfactory state of matters. The Charity Committee had expended a large amount, and every interest of the Society had been liberally dealt with. A large amount of back dues had been paid in, and the Institution was vigorously flourishing.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1883:

James S. Macdonald,	<i>President;</i>	
Joseph Seeton,	<i>Vice do.;</i>	
C. F. Fraser,	<i>Senr. Asst. do.;</i>	
R. Baxter,	<i>Junr. do., do.;</i>	
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
J. M. Johnston,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
R. B. Mackintosh,	<i>Asst. do.;</i>	
Alex. Stephen,	} <i>Committee</i>	of
David King,		
J. Scott Mitchell,		
John McInnes,		
John McCrow,		
A. Lockhart,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
Rev. A. Simpson,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. R. Laing,		
John Patterson,		<i>Piper.</i>

At the Annual Meeting fifty dollars were voted the Secretary for past services.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the members and guests, numbering 130, dining together at Halifax Hotel.

The dinner, wines and service, excellent, and the music as usual good. Telegrams were received from

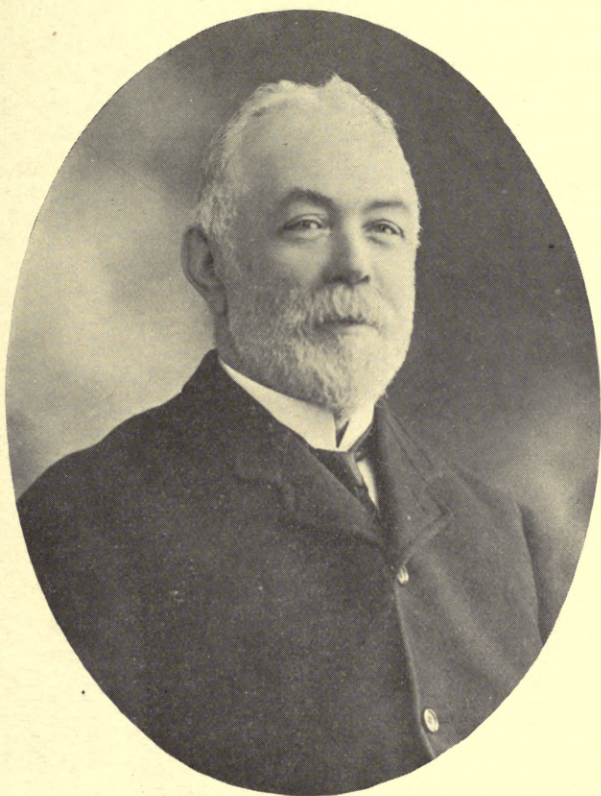
sister societies celebrating the Festival in New York, Montreal and Chicago, and suitable replies read and forwarded.

Among those who responded during the evening were Sir Patrick McDougall, who delivered a splendid address, Col. Wilson Black, who recited *Tam O'Shanter*, Chief Justice McDonald, General Laurie, and many others, who all contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, and kept a delighted company together until 3 a. m., when "Auld Lang Syne" closed a most interesting and enjoyable Festival.

Biographical Notes—1882.

George Mitchell, born in this city, and who for several years has represented Halifax in the Provincial Legislature, joined the Society in 1868, and for the past thirty-seven years has been a most distinguished and useful member. For twenty-five years he filled the office of Treasurer to the great satisfaction of the members, who, on his retirement from office, presented him with a very valuable service of plate in recognition of his long and faithful performance of duty to the Institution. He was elected President in 1881, and the celebration of St. Andrew that year was a most brilliant one.

Mr. Mitchell represents a family which has been connected with the NORTH BRITISH for over a century, with whom the office of Treasurer appears to be almost hereditary, his grandfather, Geo. Mitchell, having filled the office from 1818 to 1825. He was succeeded by Andrew Mitchell, who held it until 1834; then after an interval, another of the family held office for a quarter of a century, a matter of several generations of usefulness and distinguished merit, which cannot be paralleled in any other Society of the kind on this continent.



GEORGE MITCHELL

Marquis of Lorne, now 9th Duke of Argyle, the eldest of twelve children, born in 1841 and married, in 1871, Princess Louise. In 1878 appointed Governor General of Canada. In 1879, with his Royal wife, he made a tour of the Dominion, and was received with great enthusiasm. He succeeded in making a good impression upon the people of Canada, and his term of office was a most honourable one. In literary and artistic pursuits he has held a leading place, and in 1877, there appeared from his pen, "*The Book of Psalms, Literally Rendered in Verse*," really a work of the highest merit. He was elected Honorary Member of the Society in 1879.

1883.

The meetings this year were well attended, and a large amount of business transacted.

The following were elected Ordinary Members :

John Taylor,	Thos. Duncanson,
A. M. Fraser,	J. B. Paton,
J. W. H. Cameron,	Geo. Fraser,
Rev. John Forrest, D. D.,	Alex. Robertson,
Murdoch McRae,	Thos. Murray,
A. C. Redpath,	D. R. Forgan,
John Ferguson,	Wm. Stephenson.

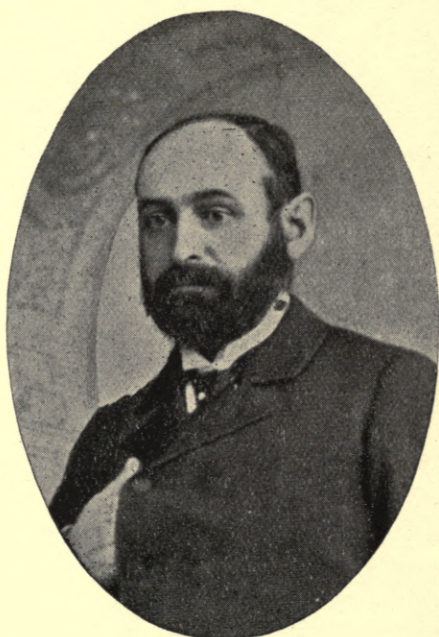
The matter of a Ladies Committee, to consist of wives and daughters of members, was again brought up for discussion. It was decided to issue a circular to the members to ascertain their views upon the founding of such a Committee, but it met with no encouragement, a number of the members deciding to withdraw from the Society if the matter was again brought forward.

The Society lost this year two of its oldest and most respected members, viz:—Alex. McLeod and Jas. Thomson, both on Perpetual List, and who for over fifty years had been active and useful members.

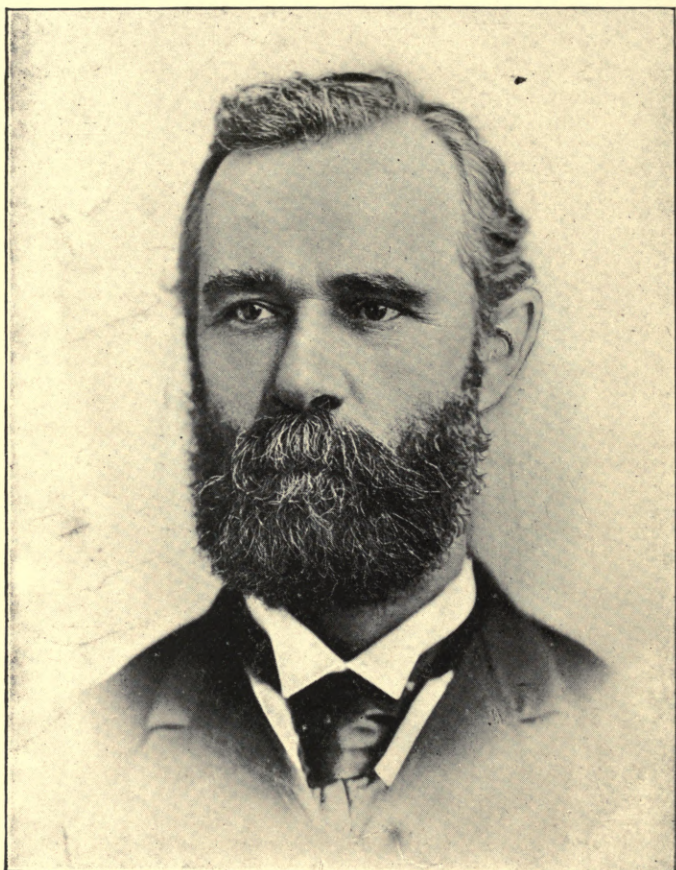
At the Annual Meeting, which was held at the Carleton House, the various Committees' reports placed the resources of the Society in a favorable light; the Treasurer's annual report showing income over expenditure of \$400. The election of office-bearers for 1884 resulted as follows:

Joseph Seeton,	<i>President;</i>	
C. F. Fraser,	<i>Vice do.;</i>	
R. Baxter,	<i>Senr. Asst. do.;</i>	
John A. Matheson,	<i>Junr. do. do.;</i>	
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
J. B. Johnston,	<i>Secretary;</i>	
R. B. Mackintosh,	<i>Asst. do.;</i>	
John McInnes,	} <i>Committee</i>	of
Hon. W. Ross,		
John Watson,		
Dr. Cowie,		
Wm. Nisbet,		
Rev. R. Laing,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>	
Rev. A. Simpson,		
Archibald Lockhart,	<i>Marshal;</i>	
John Patterson,	<i>Piper.</i>	

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the Society dining together at Halifax Hotel. Joseph Seeton, President, in the chair, surrounded by representatives of Army, Navy, Public Departments, Sister Societies and Corporation. On his right sat Lord Russell, who replied for the Governor General. On his left, General Laurie, who replied for the Army and Navy. A long toast list was ably disposed of, several of the responses being marked by even more than ordinary excellence. Several new singers earned the applause of the company by their splendidly rendered choruses. The dinner was well served, the wines excellent, and the celebration closed at 2 a. m. amid great enthusiasm.



JOHN STRACHAN, JR.



REV. JOHN FORREST, D. D.

Biographical Notes—1883.

Rev. John Forrest, D. D., Principal of Dalhousie University, born in Nova Scotia, Scottish descent, 25th Nov., 1842, son of Dr. Alex. Forrest; educated at Presbyterian College, Truro and Halifax, ordained minister, 1866, and was in charge of St. John's Church, Halifax, for several years. In 1885 he was selected and appointed Principal of Dalhousie College. The wisdom of the choice has been amply proven by the many brilliant men who have gone forth from that great educational and intellectual centre, to lead and mould public opinion in our Dominion, bearing testimony to the sound thorough training received under the direction and guidance of the President. He holds degrees of D. D. from Kingston, and D. C. L., King's College, Windsor. Since 1883 the Doctor has been a most active and esteemed member of our Society. His advice has been at all times of service, and has been cheerfully given whenever required. He has served on numerous Committees with great acceptance, and has enlivened, by his presence and genial oratory, the patriotic and social meetings of the Institution. Dr. Forrest was elected President in 1888, and has been always considered one of our best representative members.

John Strachan, Jr., born in Halifax, 1851, joined the Society in 1882; son of John Strachan, who was President in 1852, and grandson of James Strachan, who joined the Society in 1782, and was elected Vice-President in 1783. Since that early period in our history, the Strachan family has been well represented in each successive generation to the present day. They were all prominent in the mercantile and social associations of our city, and well sustained the Scottish traditions of their family. In this comparatively new country it is an honorable distinction to have an unbroken record of patriotic and charitable



C. F. FRASER, LL D.

Hon. W. Ross,	}	<i>Committee of Charity;</i>
John Watson,		
Wm. Nisbet,		
Dr. Cowie,		
John McDonald,		
Rev. R. Laing, <i>Chaplain;</i>		
Arch. Lockhart, <i>Marshal.</i>		
John Patterson, <i>Piper.</i>		

The Festival was celebrated by the usual dinner at Halifax Hotel; it was attended by a large number of influential men. The President well discharged his duties as chairman. The music was admirable, the speeches excellent, and the celebration in every way satisfactory.

1885.

The Quarterly Meetings this year, held at Halifax Hotel, were well attended. The following were elected Ordinary Members:

Thos. Service,	Arthur B. Mitchell,
F. G. Forbes,	J. B. McLean,
Dr. N. E. MacKay,	Duncan Grant,
J. B. Todd,	H. D. McKenzie,
Jas. Grant,	Jas. A. Gass,
Donald Archibald.	

Dr. A. P. Reid was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying into the funds \$40.

The Society voted \$100 to fund in aid of families of Halifax Volunteers who had gone to the North-West to suppress the Indian and half-breed rebellion.

\$600 were expended in charity, and a large amount of back dues collected. The Treasurer's annual statement showed the invested funds steadily increasing, they now standing at \$9,725.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1886:

Robt. Baxter, <i>President</i> ;	
J. A. Turnbull, <i>Vice do.</i> ;	
John Forbes, <i>Senr. Asst. do.</i> ;	
John McInnes, <i>Junr. Asst. do.</i> ;	
George Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
H. H. Grant, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
A. M. Fraser, <i>Asst. do.</i> ;	
Hon. W. Ross,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
John Watson,	
John McDonald,	
Wm. Nisbet,	
Dr. Cowie,	
Rev. R. Laing, <i>Chaplain</i> ;	
Hugh G. Murray,	} <i>Back Dues Com.</i> ;
H. H. Grant,	
Archibald Lockhart, <i>Marshal</i> ;	
John Patterson, <i>Piper</i> .	

The Festival of St. Andrew was observed by the Society dining together at Halifax Hotel. The dinner, a most excellent one, reflected credit on the Hessleins. The occasion was pronounced by all a most enjoyable one.

Biographical Note—1835.

Charles Frederick Fraser, LL.D., Superintendent of the School for the Blind, born in Nova Scotia, 1850, of Scottish descent, grandson of Hon. James Fraser, who was President of the Society in 1803, joined the Society in 1873, and has since been a prominent and active member. In 1884 he was elected President. Mr. Fraser has greatly distinguished himself in the philanthropic work of advancing the position of the Blind in the Lower Provinces. Since 1873 he has been actively engaged in this great work, and has had the most encouraging evidence of the success of his efforts in the co-operation of



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our best people. His achievements have been widely recognized, and the Institution to which he has devoted his life-long energies will long remain a monument to his skilful and devoted labours.

1886.

The Society met during year at the Halifax Hotel.

The following were elected Ordinary Members:

David McDonald,	John Bremner,
Jas. A. Sedgewick,	John H. McKay,
Henry Pope McDonald	Jas. Anderson,
H. B. Outram,	Hugh Montgomerie.

and Neil F. McKay was elected an Honorary Member.

Mr. William Grant presented the Society with a Marshal's Baton, found among his late father's effects, which had been used in many processions of the Society. A Committee was appointed from the Society to co-operate with a General Committee arranging for celebration of Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, next year.

The various reports presented at Annual Meeting were in every way satisfactory, and the following were elected office-bearers for 1887:

J. A. Turnbull, *President*;
 John Forbes, *Vice do.*;
 F. G. Forbes, *Senr. Asst.*;
 J. G. Smith, *Junr. Asst.*;
 George Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
 H. H. Grant, *Secretary*;
 A. M. Fraser, *Asst. do.*;

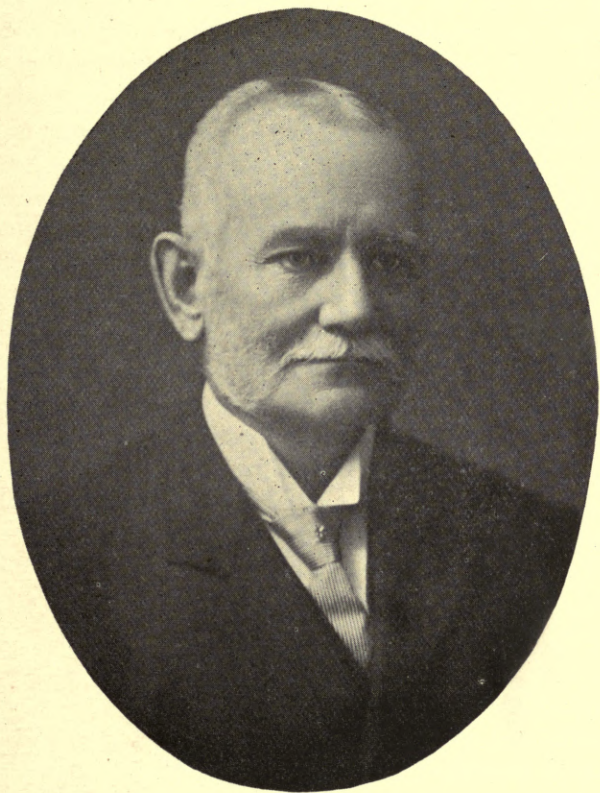
John Watson,
 Hon. W. Ross,
 Dr. Cowie,
 Wm. Nisbet,
 John McDonald,

Committee
 of
 Charity,

Rev. Robt. Laing, }
Rev. Allan Simpson, } *Chaplains*;
Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;
John Patterson, *Piper*.

At the Annual Meeting, it was decided to celebrate the Festival of Saint Andrew by holding the usual dinner. A motion to leave the matter of arranging for the same to the office-bearers brought on a discussion, and decision, which had a most disastrous effect upon the peace and progress of the Institution, and which was felt for many years after. At this time, a Temperance Crusade was agitating the city, and a number of well-meaning members of the Society, who imagined they knew more about what was good for the Institution than their fellow-members did, insisted very warmly upon the prohibition of wines, beer, etc., at the coming dinner. Their principal argument for enforcing this most unheard of innovation was not that there had been any excess at the dinners, but that the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY should set an example of temperance to the community, particularly as prohibition was now advocated from the platform and pulpit. A warm discussion ensued, which impaired the harmony of the meeting. The members generally maintained that the Society's dinners had hitherto been models of true temperance, that not a single case of over-indulgence could be cited within the memory of the passing generation, but that these functions had been social, popular, and enjoyable, and had been the means of bringing the good work of the Institution before the Scottish community of our city, and had attracted many to the Society.

It proved a protracted and angry discussion, and as the prohibitionists were present in force, and had canvassed the matter for weeks previous to this meeting, they carried their point by a very small majority: "That in future, the use of wines at the anniversary dinner be prohibited, and thus a magnificent Society, enjoying up



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to this time the confidence and esteem of a grand membership of worthy men, was doomed to years of retrogression and discord. In less than five years the Institution lost more than half its members. The good fellowship existing in the Society, one of the great objects of the foundation, was destroyed, as coercion and independence never flourish together.

The younger members rapidly left its ranks, and even the would-be reformers who had brought about the trouble, apparently satisfied with their work of social destruction, seldom attended the meetings. It was altogether a most exasperating episode, which was felt severely by the results which so quickly followed: loss of numbers, loss of prestige, and loss of that harmony and patriotic spirit which had been up to this time so characteristic of our grand old brotherhood.

The Festival of Saint Andrew was observed by the Society holding a dinner, at Halifax Hotel. The table was creditable. The speeches long and prosy. Drinking healths in coffee and ginger beer was a novel and dreadful experience to all present. It was anything but a success, and was long remembered for its want of "go."

Biographical Note—1886.

Robert Baxter, a most esteemed member, was born in Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1844, and came to Halifax, in 1869, to fill the position of Assistant Manager of the Halifax Gas Light Company, succeeding to the management of the Company on the death of Mr. Buist in 1879.

Mr. Baxter joined the Society in 1870, and after several years' active work in the subordinate offices, was elected to the Chair in 1886. He proved himself worthy of the honour, and left a good record for attention to the various duties of the post.

1887.

Meetings of the Society held at the Halifax Hotel.

The following were elected Ordinary Members:

D. C. Gillis,	W. J. Nisbet,
John Baird,	Prof. James Seth,
A. Drysdale,	J. S. Chisholm,
W. Mason.	

Col. Wilsone Black, about leaving the Garrison, was elected an Honorary Member.

The thanks of the Society were passed to Messrs. Mackie & Co., Glasgow, who very generously forwarded a *Haggis* and case of whiskey to the Society for its last annual dinner. Also for their cable, sending greeting on that occasion.

The Society this year procured metal emblems for the various office-bearers, which cost \$86. They reflect anything but credit upon the designer, being heavy and inartistic, and of the "*policeman badge*" order. At the August meeting, the matter of wine at dinner was again brought forward, and after discussion, the following resolution was passed, 14 to 11:—"That hereafter all dinners and suppers of the Society be conducted without the use of spirituous or malt liquors."

And the following was also passed by same vote:

"That hereafter, refreshments of all kinds be dispensed with at quarterly meetings."

At the Annual Meeting, several of the older members protested against the action of a small meeting, like the August one was, doing away with refreshments at quarterly meetings, but it was finally agreed to give the resolution a trial.

The Society this year lost its most illustrious member, Sir Wm. Young, Chief Justice, who died in May. The

Society attended the funeral in numbers, and the following resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased:

"*Resolved*, that the office-bearers and members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, having heard of the death of Sir William Young, express their deep regret at the demise of one who has been so long identified with the growth and progress of our Society.

"Sir William Young was in every sense a leal-hearted, patriotic and progressive Scotchman. He was for sixty-one years, and up to the time of his death, an active and useful member of our Society.

"In 1849, and again in 1868, he was elected President, a position in which his characteristic ability and eloquence were signally displayed. On all occasions where funds were necessary, not only to celebrate public events, but in all other matters connected with the Society, his hand was ready with liberal contributions.

"We tender to his family our expression of sincere sympathy at the loss they and we have sustained. His name and memory will long be cherished and revered as one of the noblest and most distinguished members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax.

"*And Resolved*, that this Society attend the funeral in a body and wear their crape badges and insignia of office, and that this resolution be engrossed by the Secretary on our records, and a copy sent to the family of our deceased friend and benefactor."

Sir Wm. Young remembered the Society in his will to the extent of \$10,000. "*Though dead, he yet speaketh.*"

The Treasurer's report was very satisfactory, showing the usual large amount distributed by Charity Committee, also, that the invested funds of Society stood at \$10,041.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1888:

Rev. John Forrest, D. D., *President*;

Frank G. Forbes, *Vice do.*;

Wm. Nisbet, *Secr. Asst. do.*;

Hugh G. Murray, *Junr. do. do.*;

George Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

Jas. A. Sedgewick, *Secretary*;

W. J. Nisbet, *Asst. do.*;

John McDonald,

Dr. Cowie,

John Watson,

Hon. W. Ross,

John Taylor,

Rev. Robt. Laing,

Rev. Allan Simpson,

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

John Patterson, *Piper*.

} *Charity Committee*;

} *Chaplains*;

The Festival of Saint Andrew was celebrated on 30th November by the members and guests dining together at Halifax Hotel. The Hessleins provided an excellent table, the menu perfect, the company excellent, the music, as usual, beautiful, and the speaking good.

The President discharged his duties well, and the company separated at an early hour.

1888.

The Quarterly Meetings were held at Halifax Hotel, and the following were, during the year, elected Ordinary Members:

Angus F. Murray, Geo. MacLeod,

Howard Murray, F. J. McLeod,

and the following were elected Honorary Members:

H. M. Scott, W. F. Knight,

J. Scott Mitchell, Wm. Stevenson.



PROF. HOWARD MURRAY

At the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer's report was satisfactory. The Committee of Charity had been active and had disbursed a large amount to worthy applicants.

The celebration of St. Andrew was the subject of an animated discussion, many of the members wanting the dinner held as formerly with wine, provided by the Society, and included in price of ticket. This was lost, and an amendment to leave the use of wines optional to all was lost. A procession and sermon was also discussed. Finally, the whole matter was referred to the office-bearers elect to determine.

Jock Patterson the piper's salary was raised, by consent, to \$40 per annum.

The Society elected at Annual Meeting the following as office-bearers for ensuing year:

Dr. A. J. Cowie, *President*;

Wm. Nisbet, *Vice do.*;

Hugh G. Murray, *Senr. Asst.*;

Geo. S. Campbell, *Junr. do.*;

George Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

J. A. Sedgewick, *Secretary*;

W. J. Nisbet, *Asst. do.*;

John McDonald,

Hon. W. Ross,

John Watson,

John McInnes,

Thos. Duncanson,

Rev. Robert Laing, *Chaplain*;

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

Jock Patterson, *Piper*.

} *Committee of Charity.*

The Festival of Saint Andrew was celebrated by the usual dinner at Halifax Hotel. Dr. Cowie presided. The music was up to the mark of high excellence it has attained in our Society; otherwise the proceedings were of the quietest character imaginable.

1889.

The Quarterly Meetings this year were poorly attended, fourteen members putting in an appearance at the February meeting, seventeen at the May, thirteen at the August, and thirty at the Annual Meeting. The following were elected members:

Rev. D. M. Gordon, William Taylor,
Hector McInnes, A. A. McKay,
and

Lieut. Murray, }
Lieut. Dundas, } *H. M. S. Bellerophon*,
were elected Honorary Members.

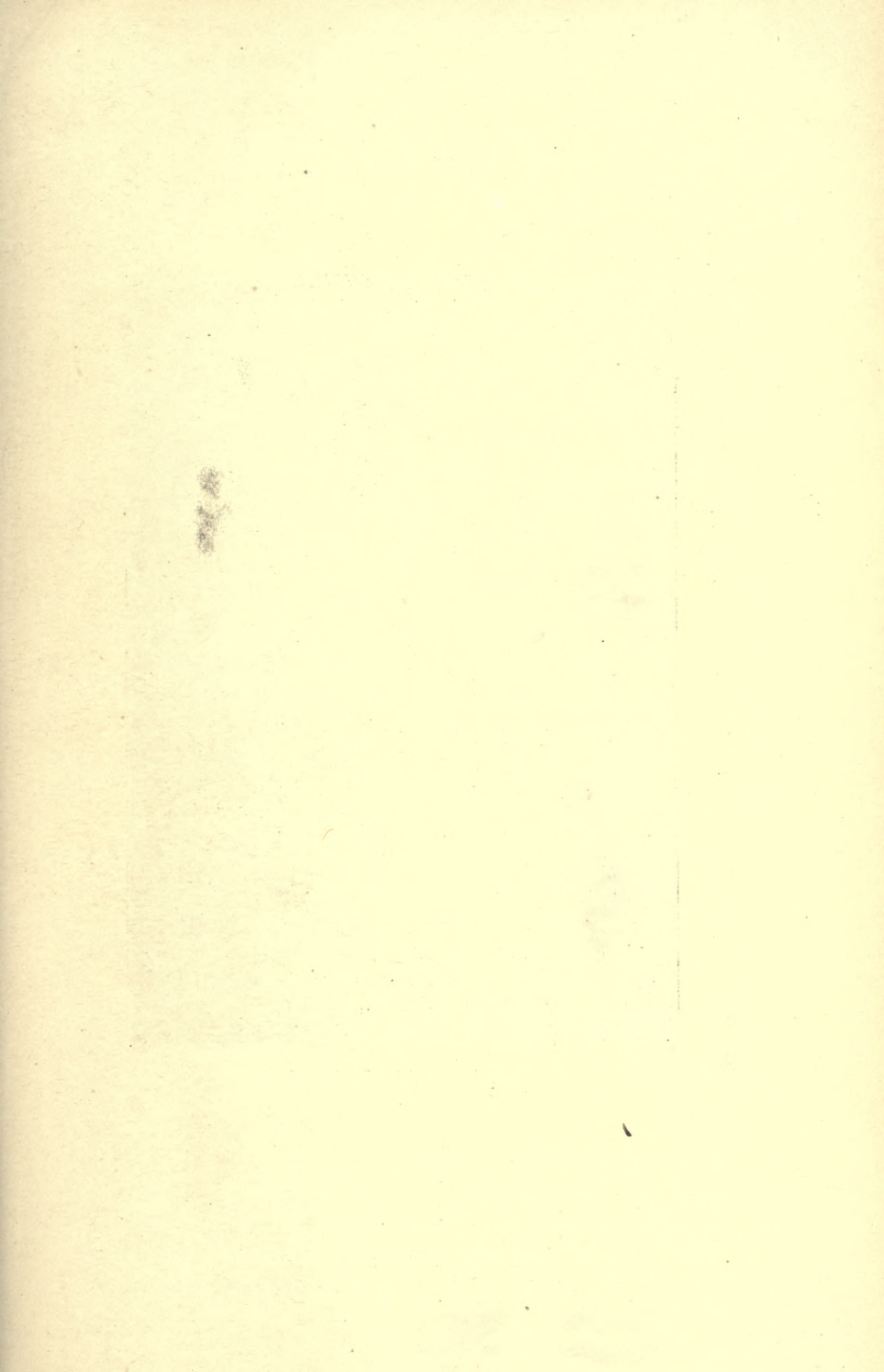
The Society lost this year a prominent member—Mr. John S. Maclean, who for many years had rendered good service to the Society. A minute of regret was entered upon the records, and a copy sent to the family of deceased.

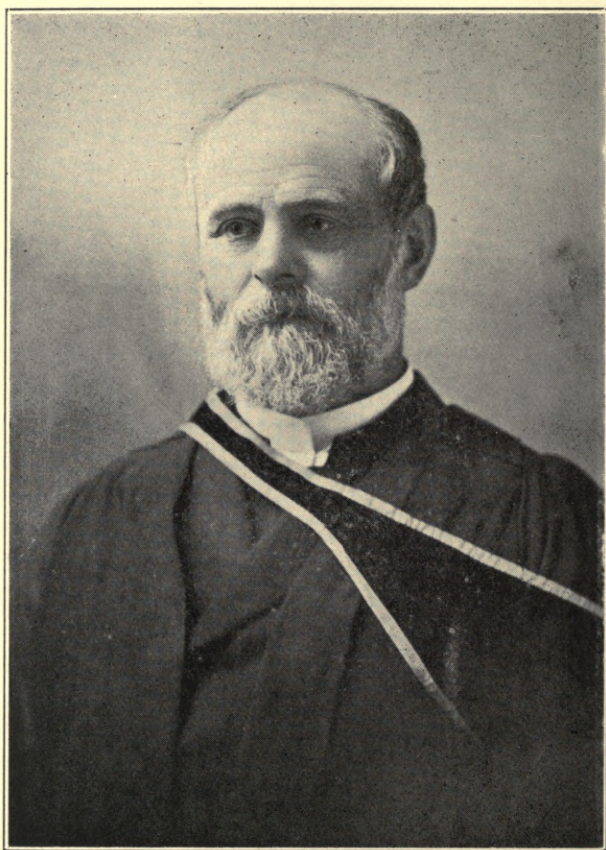
The want of interest in Society by members was the subject of discussion during the year, and finally it was decided to rescind the resolution of 4th August, 1887, dispensing with quarterly suppers, and the Secretary was ordered to arrange hereafter for suppers for the meetings.

The matter of a building for the Society was again to the front. A Committee was appointed, but the matter, on account of cost, was abandoned.

The reports of Treasurer and Chairman of Charity Committee, presented at Annual Meeting, were approved and the following were elected office-bearers for 1890:

Wm. Nisbet, *President*;
Geo. S. Campbell, *Vice do.*;
Donald Archibald, *Senr. Asst.*;
Jas. A. Sedgewick, *Junr. do.*;
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;
W. J. Nisbet, *Secretary*;
Hector McInnes, *Asst. do.*;





REV. D. M. GORDON

John McDonald,	}	<i>Committee</i>
Hon. W. Ross,		
Thos. Duncanson,		
John Watson,		
John McInnes,		
Rev. D. M. Gordon,	{	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. J. Forrest,		
Arch. Lockhart,		<i>Marshal;</i>
John Patterson,		<i>Piper.</i>

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the usual dinner at Halifax Hotel.

1890.

The Society met this year at Halifax Hotel.

The following were admitted members:

Robt. MacIntyre,	J. A. Chisholm,
James Fraser,	Alfred Costley,
Wallace McDonald,	E. F. Smith,
Alex. Keith,	A. H. MacKay,
	E. M. Walker,

and Wm. Rhind and F. J. McLeod, were elected Honorary Members.

A letter was submitted to the May meeting from Mrs. Campbell, of New York, which explains itself:

No. 2679 THIRD AVE.,
NEW YORK, April 1, 1890.

To the President and Members of St. Andrew's Society, Halifax, N. S.:

GENTLEMEN:

I deem it my duty to inform you of the death of my husband, St. Andrew Donald Campbell, an Honorary Member of your Society, which occurred at his late residence, No. 2679 Third Avenue, New York, on the tenth day of January, 1890.

It may be pertinent to briefly recall the circumstances surrounding his election to Honorary Membership in your body, for I can scarcely believe that there are many among you now in whose recollection the events of that night so long ago are still remembered. On the night of St. Andrew's Day, the 30th of November, 1836, your Society was holding its banquet in the Exchange Hotel, Halifax, at that time owned by my husband's father, the late Allan Campbell, who was a member of the Society. On that night a son was born to Martha, wife of Allan Campbell. Mr. Campbell announced the fact after the members had sung "The Campbells are coming." They asked that the new-born babe be presented to them, and he was immediately brought in reclining upon a silver salver. His health was drunk standing, and in honour of our Patron Saint, he was then named Saint Andrew Donald Campbell, and upon motion, unanimously carried, he was made Honorary Member for life. A glance at the archives of your Society for that time will verify the facts as I have stated them. It is for the purpose of making that record complete that I deem it my duty to notify you of his death.

His life was passed in pleasant places. While still young, he settled in New York. He served with gallantry in the late Civil War, in both the Army and the Navy of the United States. He was buried with military honors and ceremonies conducted by his comrades of John A. Rawlins' Post, No. 81 of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his remains now lie in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City. Beyond myself, he left no family. To you, his fellow-members, I commend his happy memory.

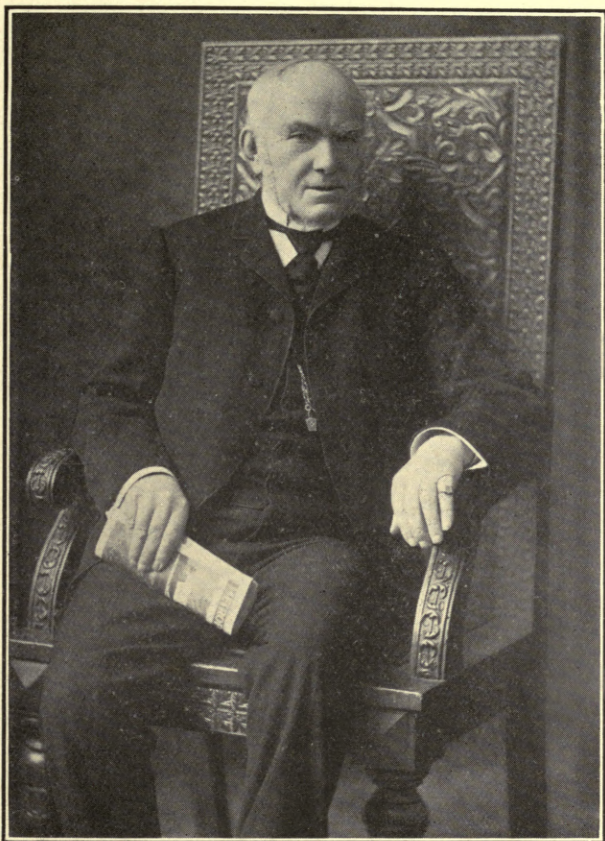
Very respectfully yours,

HARRIET S. CAMPBELL.

It was ordered that the same be entered upon the minutes, and the receipt of the letter acknowledged.



JOHN M'INNES



HON. W. ROSS

The Society this summer had a most agreeable reunion in the shape of an excursion and lunch on the harbor. It was attended by a large number of the members and friends, and was very much enjoyed by all present.

The Treasurer's annual statement, presented at November meeting, showed the assets of the Society, augmented by the Young bequest, had grown to \$20,959. \$814 had been spent in charity, and other matters had been creditably attended to.

It was decided at Annual Meeting to celebrate the approaching Festival of St. Andrew by holding a *Conversazione*.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1891:

George S. Campbell,	<i>President</i> ;	
Donald Archibald,	<i>Vice do.</i> ;	
A. H. Mackay,	<i>Senr. Asst. do.</i> ;	
Rev. D. M. Gordon,	<i>Junr. Asst. do.</i> ;	
Geo. Mitchell,	<i>Treasurer</i> ;	
Hector McInnes,	<i>Secretary</i> ;	
J. A. Chisholm,	<i>Asst. do.</i> ;	
John McDonald,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;	
Hon. Wm. Ross,		
John Watson,		
John McInnes,		
Thos. Duncanson,		
Dr. A. Pollok,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;	
Dr. J. Forrest,		
Arch. Lockhart,	<i>Marshal</i> ;	
John Patterson,	<i>Piper</i> .	

The Festival of St. Andrew falling this year on Sunday, was celebrated by the Society attending Divine service at St. Andrew's Church. The music was appropriate and beautiful, and the sermon, a most eloquent one, was delivered by Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, pastor of St. Andrew's.

The 5th *Conversazione* of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, held in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, took place at Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, 1st December. It was a grand success, reflecting credit upon all concerned. About 500 attended. The interest was sustained throughout; music, dancing, speeches, refreshments, all equally good, and all equally enjoyed to the close, which took place at 1 a. m. The cost to Society was over two hundred dollars.

Biographical Note—1890.

George S. Campbell, one of our most popular and useful members, son of Duncan Campbell, historian, was born in Scotland, and at an early age came with his parents to Nova Scotia.

Mr. Campbell became connected with the Society in 1874, was Secretary in 1884, and after serving as Senr. and Junr. Vice, was elected President in 1891. His term of office was a most successful one, and was marked by the appreciation of the Society in the large attendance given the meetings. Mr. Campbell's business career has been a most honourable one, and the merchants, in view of his advanced ideas, elected him, in 1902, President of the Board of Trade. He holds other important offices, is a director of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and is greatly esteemed in this community, of which he is a most distinguished member.

1891.

The Quarterly Meetings were held at Halifax Hotel, and the following were elected Ordinary Members:

W. D. Cameron,
Rod. McColl,
C. D. McDonald,
Rev. Thos. Fowler.



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The annual marine excursion was held in August, with great success. Quite a large number of members attended; it cost the Society \$160. A Committee on By-Laws recommended,

“That the seventh and ninth clauses of Section III be omitted.”

Also, that,

“The By-Laws be consolidated, and that an edition be published with the names of members and office-bearers to date.” Adopted.

The Society, in view of the successful *Conversazione* last year, decided to celebrate the coming Festival of St. Andrew in the same manner.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1892:

Donald Archibald, *President*;

A. McKay, *Vice do.*;

A. H. Mackay, *Senr. Asst. do.*;

John McInnes, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

J. A. Chisholm, *Secretary*;

A. A. McKay, *Asst. do.*;

John Macdonald,

Thos. Duncanson,

John Watson,

Wm. Nisbet,

Hon. W. Ross,

Dr. Pollok,

Dr. Forrest,

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

John Patterson, *Piper*.

Committee
of
Charity;

Chaplains;

The 6th *Conversazione*, held on the national anniversary at Masonic Hall, was a splendid and unmistakable success. The members, ladies and guests, numbering 500, spent a most enjoyable evening. President Archibald, assisted by leading members, worked well in making it a prominent event of the season. It cost the Society nearly \$300 over receipts for tickets.

1892.

The Quarterly Meetings, only fairly attended, were held at Halifax Hotel, when the following were elected members:

Daniel Budge, J. A. McKinnon,
Ernest Brehaut.

James Farquhar was elected a Perpetual Member, he paying the usual fee of \$40.

The Society lost a useful Honorary Member this year—Mr. Duncan Waddell, of Dartmouth, who generously acknowledging the good of the Institution, remembered the Society to the extent of \$2000 in his will. A minute of regret was entered, and a copy sent to family of deceased.

The Society had its banners partially destroyed by fire this year, and being insured, the sum of \$485 was paid by Acadia Fire Insurance Co., for appraised damage.

On 6th September the Society lost a most useful member in John Patterson, who for forty years had been a trustworthy messenger, a splendid piper, and a genial warm-hearted member. He left a blank in the Society and community hard to fill. Patterson landed in Halifax in 1852, coming with the 42nd Highlanders, of which he was piper. He settled here, and at once was attracted to the Society. He was known and esteemed by coming and going generations of our countrymen, who liked the man and his music. Alas, poor Jock!" *R. I. P.*

Another good member was lost this year to the Society, Hugh G. Murray. A kind, sympathetic and enthusiastic Scot, Mr. Murray was for a long term of years, with other members of his family, Donald and William, most esteemed members of the Society.

A minute of Society's regret was recorded. The Treasurer's annual statement showed the funds at credit of Society on 5th November, \$21,636.64. \$900 had been expended in charity, beside many other useful matters attended to. The Society decided to celebrate the Festival by holding a dinner on the 30th instant.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1893:

A. McKay, *President*;

A. H. Mackay, *Vice do.*;

John McInnes, *Senr. do.*;

C. D. Macdonald, *Junr. do.*;

Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

J. A. Chisholm, *Secretary*;

A. A. McKay, *Asst. do.*;

Hon. W. Ross,

Thos. Duncanson,

John Watson,

John Macdonald,

John Forbes,

Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.,

Rev. John Forrest,

Archibald Lockhart, *Marshal and Messenger*.

} *Committee*
of
Charity;

} *Chaplains*;

Saint Andrew's day was celebrated by the members and guests dining together at Halifax Hotel.

Biographical Notes—1892.

Col. Aylmer Cameron, of the family of Camerons of Fassifern, was born at Perth, 1834, served in the Crimean Campaign in 1854-55, and subsequently in the Indian Mutiny. He won the Victoria Cross in a most heroic manner during the assault on Delhi, and was severely wounded in several engagements with the enemy. He was long a subaltern in the 26th Cameronians, and finally became Colonel of that gallant regiment. He was on the staff of Lieut.-General Sir P. L. Macdougall, in Canada,

and while serving in Halifax, became an active member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY. He retired in 1896, and now resides in Edinburgh.

Donald Archibald, Sheriff of Halifax County, born in Halifax, for several years conducted a most extensive farm, became engaged in politics, and contested successfully several elections for the local House of Representatives, finally retired, and was appointed Sheriff of Halifax County, a position he has occupied with great satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Archibald joined the Society in 1885, was elected President in 1892, and during his term of office conducted one of the most popular conversaziones ever held by our Society.

1893.

The meetings of Society were held at the Halifax Hotel, and the following were elected members:

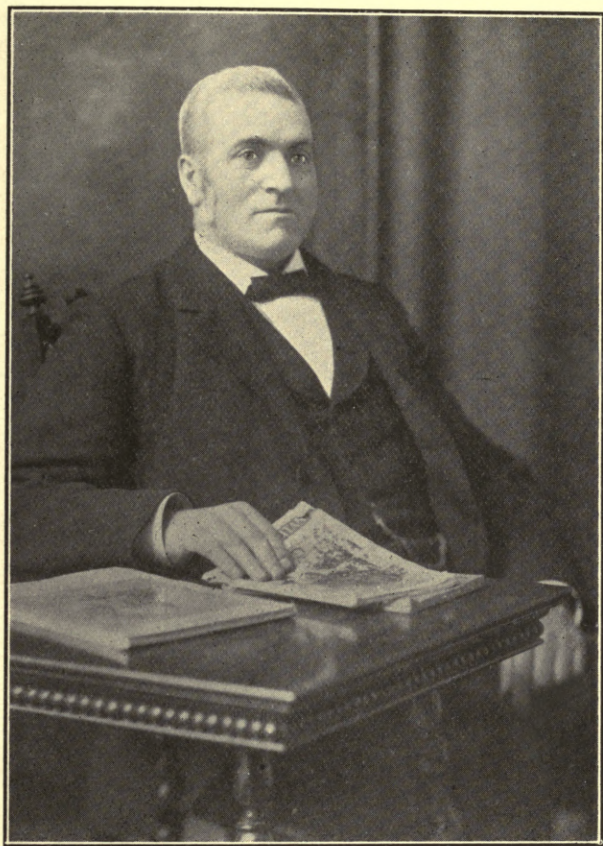
Walter C. Murray and A. D. Hewet,
and David Pottinger and Jas. Scott, Honorary Members.

At the Annual Meeting, it was decided to amend By-Law passed 1st November, 1866, regarding members of over twenty years' standing, to read:

“Any Ordinary Member of Society, having paid dues for twenty years in succession, shall, at his own request, be entitled to Honorary Membership.”

The Treasurer's statement presented, showed balance in hand to credit of Society of \$21,741.60. Investments in bonds, stocks, etc., were considered in every way satisfactory, and the Treasurer received the unanimous thanks of the Society for his long continued gratuitous service.

The matter of the non-attendance of members at the Quarterly Meetings of past year was brought to the attention of the Society by Mr. Watson, and a long and



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angry discussion ensued. The majority present insisted that the temperance question which had agitated the Society during the past six years had been detrimental to the best interests of the Institution. That the good fellowship of the members, so well cultivated before the introduction of the Prohibition question, had almost disappeared. That the roll of members had steadily diminished. That the Quarterly Meetings were mere formal business gatherings, and that the utter indifference of members as to Society interests had been shown by the startling fact that for one of the Quarterly Meetings of this year no quorum could be obtained, and the meeting adjourned without transaction of business, the first experience of the kind since the formation of the Society, 125 years ago. This alarming state of matters had a salutary effect on the Society, by its repealing the By-Law passed in August, 1887, prohibiting the use of wine at the annual dinner.

It was decided unanimously to publish a second edition of the Annals of the Society, the new volume to include the intervening years since last publication to date. The matter of compilation was entrusted to James S. Macdonald, with instructions to proceed at once with the work.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1894:

A. H. Mackay, <i>President</i> ;	
John McInnes, <i>Vice do.</i> ;	
N. E. McKay, <i>Senr. Asst. Vice</i> ;	
A. Drysdale, <i>Junr. Asst. do.</i> ;	
Geo. Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
A. A. MacKay, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
J. S. Chisholm, <i>Asst. do.</i> ;	
Hon. W. Ross,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
Thos. Duncanson,	
John Forbes,	
John Watson,	
John Macdonald,	
Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;
Rev. John Forrest, D. D.,	
Archibald Lockhart, <i>Marshal and Messenger</i> .	

The Festival of Saint Andrew was celebrated by the Society and guests dining together at Halifax Hotel.

The company, as usual, was influential, numbering many of the leading men of the community. The menu was elegant, and reflected credit on the Hessleins. The music excellent. The speeches good, particularly that delivered by Lieut.-General Montgomery-Moore, who although born in Ulster, spoke with pride of his Scottish blood and of the intense loyalty of his countrymen of the North. The celebration, although not up to the high standard of excellence of the Society's dinners between 1868 and 1883,—which were the finest in the modern history of the Institution,—was far ahead in interest of the cold water horrors held during late years, was altogether a most successful gathering, displaying an enthusiasm sustained throughout until 1 a. m., when the parting toast of "*Gude nicht and joy be wi ye*" closed a most agreeable celebration of Saint Andrew, and the Society's record of one hundred and twenty-five years.

Biographical Note—1893.

A. Howard MacKay, of Scottish descent family from Sutherlandshire, born in Nova Scotia, 1848—a distinguished educationist, Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia since 1891, joined the Society in 1890, and after filling the offices of Senr. Asst. Vice and Vice-President, was elected President for 1894.

1894.

The record of Society for this year was not by any means brilliant or encouraging. The members took but little interest in the management, and the unsatisfactory state of the supper question led to further agitation of the bother at almost every Quarterly Meeting.



A. HOWARD MACKAY

The following were admitted to membership during the year:

Geo. E. Boak, C. D. Murray, M. D.,
J. A. Johnson, Murdoch Chisholm, M. D.
Jas. Ross, M. D.,

and Colin Macdonald, Boston, was elected an Honorary Member.

A very active and favorite member died this year—Mr. Roderick McDonald, Station Master at Halifax Depot. A resolution of sympathy was minuted, and a copy sent to the family.

Early in the summer, the approaching visit of the recently appointed Governor-General of Canada, Earl Aberdeen, head of the Clan Gordon, was discussed by the members, many of whom were in favour of a public reception, address and dinner being given our great countryman by the Society, which would give prominence to our position as the senior Scottish National Institution in the Dominion. While the matter was pending, a special meeting of the Society was called on the 28th June to consider the presentation of an address to the Earl, at which the Secretary of the St. George's appeared as the bearer of a message from his Society, asking that the NORTH BRITISH postpone any intended action in regard to presentation of an address to the Governor-General, and that the matter be left to a joint committee of the three National Societies, THE NORTH BRITISH, the Charitable Irish, and the St. George's. After discussion, this was declined, the members deciding it more consistent with the dignity of our Scottish Society, as the Governor-General was head of a great Scottish Clan, to present an address on its own account. After this was disposed of, the matter of a public dinner by the Society was brought forward, when, after considerable discussion, it was decided, as the proposal had been made, to co-operate with the other National Societies, in a dinner to be given the Governor-General soon

after his arrival in Halifax, and the following Committee was appointed to act with the President in upholding the dignity and prestige of our Society in co-operating with Committees from the Charitable Irish and St. George's, in making arrangements for the proposed dinner :

The Vice-President, Senr. Asst. Vice, Junr. Asst. Vice, Secretary and Treasurer.

On the 17th July, another special meeting of Society was held to consider a draft of address from Society to the Governor-General, at which the President informed the members that the joint committee from the three Societies had met and had unanimously decided to appoint the President of the St. George's Society, a prominent politician, chairman of the public dinner to be given by the three National Societies to the Earl of Aberdeen.

This most unexpected and humiliating announcement, affecting as it did the position and prestige of the NORTH BRITISH, was received with great surprise and indignation. The action of the Committee entrusted with the honour of the Society in relinquishing the right to precedence at such a function—an established right maintained most firmly and stoutly since its formation in 1768—was strongly condemned. After a spirited discussion, it was decided that as the Committee appointed from our Society had been entrusted with full powers to make all arrangements, although placing the Society in a most undignified position, this decision would have to be submitted to. The result of the matter was that over one hundred members held aloof from what should have been a patriotic and hearty Scottish welcome to a great Clansman.

In the report next day after the dinner, in the organ of the Chairman of the Joint Public Dinner to Aberdeen, the presence of the President of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was not mentioned; the President and members being completely ignored, the entire credit of the function going to the Chairman of the St. George's

Society. Another good object lesson for the NORTH BRITISH to avoid any approach to joint action with Sister Societies in the future. We should have learned this lesson from the joint proceedings in 1841, when the NORTH BRITISH was forced to withdraw from a loyal and patriotic demonstration, or take a subordinate place, which the Society indignantly refused.

At the Annual Meeting the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, the Stewards of the Society, be from date empowered to superintend the social interests of the members at the Quarterly Meetings.

That they shall have the ordering of all refreshments which shall be provided in the place of meeting, with the addition of whiskey punch, ale and ginger beer.

That the Stewards also provide music and secure singers and speakers to interest the members at Quarterly Meetings.

Another important resolution was carried unanimously:

That at all future celebrations of the Festival of St. Andrew, the ordering of wines, ale, etc., be left to the discretion and option of members attending the dinner.

At November meeting the new volume of *Annals* of the Society, 1768 to 1893, was distributed to the members present, and a vote of thanks to the compiler, James S. Macdonald, for his work, was carried by a *standing vote*, and each member received a copy free. All extra copies was placed at fifty cents each. The total cost of the edition of 300 copies was \$375, and the binding and printing was a credit to John Bowes, the printer.

At the Annual Meeting, the office-bearers connected with the arrangements of the Aberdeen dinner were

passed over, and the following were elected. A glance will show how sweeping the change was :

John Forbes, <i>President</i> ;	
Alexander Stephen, <i>Vice-President</i> ;	
J. A. Chisholm, <i>Senr. Vice</i> ;	
J. Godfrey Smith, <i>Junr. Vice</i> ;	
Geo. Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
J. S. Chisholm, <i>Secretary</i> ;	
William Taylor, <i>Asst. do</i> ;	
Arch. Lockhart, <i>Messenger</i> ;	
Rev. John Forrest, D. D.,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;
Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.,	
Thos. Duncanson,	} <i>Committee</i>
John Macdonald,	
John McCrow,	
John McInnes,	
Arch. Miller,	
	of
	<i>Charity</i> ;

All arrangements for celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew were left to the discretion of the office-bearers elect.

The celebration of the Festival for the 126th time by the Society was a magnificent one, and was attended by over 160 members. The dinner was held at Halifax Hotel. The President, John Forbes, presided with dignity and effect, proving himself in tact, readiness and genial ability, in every way fitted for the position his brother members had elevated him to. The Lieut.-Governor, General, Col. Leach, V. C., Capt. Clarke, R. N., of the *Magicienne*, and other naval officers, and a capital representation of officials of Government, surrounded the banners. The dinner, magnificently tabled by the Hessleins, presented a splendid appearance. The enthusiasm of the members and guests contrasted greatly with the depression and coldness of late years. Fourteen toasts were honoured. Capital responses were the order of the evening, that of Col. Leach being remarkable for

its wit and humour. At the conclusion of the eighth toast—Scotland—the President called attention to the great obligation the Society was under to James S. Macdonald, for the publication of the *Annals* in 1868, and also for the volume just issued, completing the history of the Society during 125 years of progress; and presented Mr. Macdonald, in the name of the Society with the following address, accompanied with a splendidly bound volume of *Annals*:

TO JAS. S. MACDONALD:

It is with feelings of much gratitude and pleasure that the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax begs your acceptance of the accompanying volume of the *Annals* of the Society since its formation. The work of itself is a fitting and enduring monument to your ability and devotion to the Society in so efficiently and yet gratuitously contributing to the welfare of this, the oldest organization in the city, by compiling and editing this book.

Measured by the magnitude of the labour involved, we feel we cannot express intrinsically our appreciation of your kindness, and the service you have thus rendered to the Society. On the other hand, we feel that this bound volume of your own work is of a value surpassing any other means of expression of our thanks.

We trust that you may be long spared to the Society and to the community, and that your future experience of life may be prosperous and happy.

On behalf of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax,

JOHN FORBES,
President.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 30th December, 1894.

The company separated at 2 a. m., in great harmony, the enthusiasm being worthy of the great past and memories of the Institution.

1895.

A successful year, one marked by recuperation and enthusiasm. The Prohibition horror had passed away, never to return, but unfortunately it had, while it lasted, carried off no small number of the active list who could not be induced to risk such another experience in the Society, and so numbers were lost to the Institution, whose talents and good fellowship would have benefited the passing generation, and made history for their successors. The new office-bearers taking stock of the situation, and knowing that they had the Society with them, went earnestly to work to put the Institution in good condition, to attract and keep its membership. A good Piper was wanted, and correspondence was opened with the different Highland Military Depots for information and counsel as to procuring a first-class Pipe-Major for the Society. A large number of answers were received from Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Hamilton, Glasgow, and from the Depots of the 26th Cameronians and 71st Highland Light Infantry, the 72nd Highlanders, the 42nd and 93rd Regiments, the Provost of Edinburgh, and others, with applications from two Pipe-Majors, both splendidly recommended.

The Society had empowered a good strong Committee consisting of Rev. John Forrest, D. D., Geo. Mitchell, Jas. S. Macdonald, Alex. Stephen and John Forbes, to deal with the authorities above-named, and to make best arrangements on a liberal scale to a first-class man. After mature deliberation, the choice of the Committee fell on David Manson, Pipe-Major of the 72nd Highlanders, who also held the position of Master of the Shepherd's Piping Band of Hamilton, Scotland. Mr. Manson was written to, and liberal terms offered him for an engagement with the Society, which he accepted, and he duly arrived in Halifax by the Steamer *Assyrian* during the summer. On his arrival, a reception was given him by the Society

at Halifax Hotel. There was a large attendance of members and guests; many old members who had not been visible for years at the meetings put in an appearance to welcome the new Piper from Scotland. President Forbes presided, and opened the meeting with a hearty welcome from the Society to the distinguished Piper who had come so well recommended from the Fatherland. The President stated that the Society had been fortunate in securing the services of David Manson, who enjoyed the great distinction of being the best piper in his native county, Ross-shire, and had also the reputation of being one of the five great pipers of Scotland, and the selected instructor of the largest Band of Shepherds in the old country. While in the 72nd Regiment he had distinguished himself as Piper and Highland Dancer, and came covered with medals he had won in numerous competitions. Pipe-Major Manson, from the opening of the meeting to the close, made a deep and favourable impression upon the company, his piping and dancing receiving unanimous admiration. In his capacity as Pipe-Major of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY he is the successor of an illustrious line of Pipers, viz:

- 1768-1782—Donald Macdonald.
- 1783-1801—Hector MacPherson.
- 1802-1814—Duncan Macdougall.
- 1815-1826—Kenneth Mackintosh.
- 1827-1833—Murdoch Maclean.
- 1834-1846—Archibald MacGregor.
- 1847-1854—John Mackenzie.
- 1856-1891—John Patterson.
- 1895—David Manson.

During the evening, speeches, songs, pipe-music and refreshments followed until the termination of proceedings in a blaze of Highland enthusiasm.

During the year the following gentlemen were elected members:

Dr. W. M. Cameron,	H. W. McIntosh,
Andrew B. Boak,	Chas. D. Fraser,
B. D. Bruce,	Wm. Parker,
John Mackintosh,	D. McLellan,
Andrew Bayne,	Chas. H. Bayne,
D. H. Campbell,	C. J. McKie,
J. Fraser Cameron,	J. W. H. Cameron,
Jas. E. Roy,	Jas. Grant,
James Ireland,	Duncan Grant,
Jas. E. Gass,	C. B. Burns,
D. A. King,	Jas. Fearon,
Jas. Imrie,	W. L. Bishop,
W. G. Cattnach,	Dr. W. F. Smith,
D. C. Gillis,	W. H. Huggins,
E. J. Macdonald,	Jas. Campbell,
Hon. Daniel McNeil,	David Johnston,
John McLachlan,	Arch. T. Miller,
J. Scott Webster,	Rev. J. S. Black.

Pipe-Major Manson was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, and the following were, at their own request, removed from Ordinary and placed on Honorary List of Members, and exempted from payment of dues:

John M. Smith,
 Hon. W. Ross,
 David H. Duncan,
 William Grant, Jr., the father of the Society,
 John Taylor,

and the following were, by payment of forty dollars each, elected Perpetual Members:

James C. Mackintosh,
 Kenneth Sutherland,
 John J. Stewart.

The Banners of the Society having been damaged by fire several years ago, it was decided to procure a new Banner, and a Committee, consisting of Alex. Stephen, Hugh D. Mackenzie and James S. Macdonald, were empowered to make arrangements for same.

At Annual Meeting, the rule of the Society relating to qualification for membership was amended to read as follows:

Persons desiring admittance into the Society shall consist

First, of persons who are natives of Scotland;

Secondly, of those either of whose parents, grandparents or great grandparents were natives of Scotland.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1896:

Alex. Stephen, *President*;

J. J. Stewart, *Vice do.*;

Prof. W. C. Murray, *Senr. Asst. do.*;

Dan. Budge, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*;

W. D. Cameron, }
J. S. Chisholm, } *Secretaries*;

David Manson, *Pipe Major*;

Rev. Dr. Pollok, }
Rev. John Forrest, } *Chaplains*;

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

Mr. Duncanson, }
“ Miller, }
“ Ross, } *Charity Committee*;

“ Macdonald,

“ McInnes,

“ Roy,

“ Paton,

“ Hector McInnes,

 } *Back Dues.*

It was decided to hold the dinner in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew at Halifax Hotel, and as the 30th of November fell this year on Saturday, it was decided to hold the dinner on Friday, the 29th. It was also decided unanimously that the wines, ale, etc., provided be included in the price of ticket. It was agreed to

make the celebration as truly Scottish as possible, several announcing their intention to attend in kilts, plaids, scarves, and other Highland insignia.

The Treasurer announced the assets of Society to total \$22,196.91. The expenditure of the year had been \$1,583.00. A magnificent showing, and coupled with the great accession of new members during the year, augurs well for the future of the Institution. A hearty vote of thanks to the office-bearers of the year was passed and was duly acknowledged by the President. The supper was largely attended, over seventy being present. Song, speeches and sentiment enlivened the genial meeting, and the presence of the new Pipe-Major also added to the enjoyment of the gathering.

The dinner in celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew was held at Halifax Hotel on Friday evening, November 29th, and proved a most brilliant occasion. 150 members and guests were present to grace the 127th Festival of the Society. The gathering was one of the most notable ever assembled under the banners of the Institution.

President Alex. Stephen occupied the chair, and was supported right and left by a most distinguished assemblage of officials, Perpetual Members, etc.

The new banner of the Society which had just arrived from Scotland, was unfurled for the first time over the Chair. The new Pipe-Major elicited unbounded enthusiasm by his splendid selections. The menu was perfect, the wines excellent, and for several hours the numerous and delighted company enjoyed themselves with the old-time enthusiasm. The mighty spirit of patriotism prevailed from opening to finish and marked every moment of the genial assembly. At 10 o'clock, President Stephen announced the first toast, and following the time-honored custom of the Presidents in assuming office, thanked the Society in a speech that was cheered to the

echo. In his address he referred to the good work performed by the Society during the 127 years of its history, and particularly to the progress of the past year, which was gratifying and inspiring. The great additions to the ranks of the Society was touched upon, and the presence this evening of a Scottish Pipe-Major, now associated with the Society, made a full cup in the memories his music evoked in every Scottish breast. In thanking the members for its blue ribbon of elevation, he briefly but eloquently brought to mind the grand work of his predecessors in the Chair, and alluded to the fact that his father, Alex. Stephen, Senr., had, twenty-seven years ago, that night, occupied the proud position that the Society had honoured him with, and which he occupied this evening. Then followed a good list of toasts. The responses to the entire list were far above the average post-prandial excellence. Lieutenant-General Laurie and Col. Anstruther in responding for the army, made the speeches of the evening, as each dwelt grandly upon the valor and achievements of the Scottish Regiments and the self-sacrifice of the Scottish people in the cause of liberty. The company separated at 2 a. m. in peace, after a most delightful celebration, marked by the finish, attention and acquaintance with the necessary details of a public dinner which are so essential to the dignity and comfort of a great patriotic function.

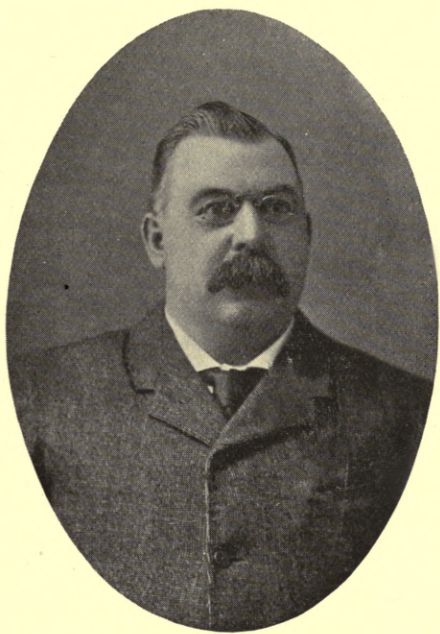
Biographical Notes—1895.

John Forbes, born at Halifax, 1833, grandson of John Forbes, who joined the Society in 1835, and who was for many years a favorite and leading member. Mr. Forbes was educated in our city and studied engineering, and subsequently occupied good positions in the United States. He returned to Halifax about thirty years ago and was for a long period the head and front of the Starr

Manufacturing Co., which is still in existence. Mr. Forbes is widely known as an inventor, and his talents have been greatly appreciated by the manufacturing and mercantile community. He joined the Society in 1873, and has ever been a popular and useful member; has occupied the various subordinate offices, and in 1895 filled the chair of the Society with great credit and dignity. It was a time when a popular and energetic presiding officer was required. The Society, from various causes, had not been flourishing, and a change had to be inaugurated to bring the Institution up to its usual vigorous working. The President, with his assistant officer-bearers, succeeded, and a new era of usefulness was started. The roll of members was greatly increased; a splendid Piper was induced to come to Halifax from Scotland. This created a most patriotic and praiseworthy interest, and with other and needed attractions brought back the light of former days, and a new lease of usefulness to our Institution, which only a year before appeared to be fast degenerating into a mere charity machine. The impetus given will be felt in many coming years.

George E. Boak, born in Halifax, 1855, son of Sir Robert Boak, who was a member of our Society in 1845, and for many years was an active and valued member.

Mr. Boak joined the Society in 1894, and has since then been elected Senr. Assistant Vice-President. He has served on various Committees, and has contributed greatly to the success of our Quarterly and Annual Dinners by his social qualities and splendid voice. A vigorous debater and keen business man, he has proved himself an acquisition valued by our Institution.



GEORGE E. BOAK

1896.

During the year the Society kept well to the front in prosperity and progress. The meetings were all well attended, and much business was transacted.

Mr. George Mitchell, who for the past twenty-five years had occupied the important position of Treasurer, resigned his office. This was to the general regret of the Society, who valued highly the splendid services he had for so long a period rendered the Institution. The following resolution was honoured by a rising vote of members, and ordered to be spread on the minutes of the Society:

“That in Mr. Mitchell's retirement from office, the Society desires to express its thanks for his voluntary and gratuitous labours, for his deep and continued interest in the progress and welfare of the Institution, and its gratitude for the many services he has rendered in the faithful discharge of his duties, extending, as they do, over so long a term of years. That the care, oversight and successful investment of the funds during Mr. Mitchell's term of office has been creditable to his sound judgment and thorough business knowledge, and has been in every way satisfactory to the Society:

“That the Society places on record this acknowledgment of its deep obligation to Mr. Mitchell, and its lasting remembrance of the good services rendered the Institution during several generations by members of the family of which he is a worthy descendant and honoured representative.”

Mr. Mitchell made a suitable reply to the members, who re-echoed the spirit of the resolution.

Mr. Alex. Stephen was unanimously elected Treasurer, *vice* Mr. George Mitchell resigned.

The Committee in charge of the matter of procuring a banner for the Society, reported that they had received many estimates and designs from Paris, Edinburgh, London and New York, and at last empowered Mr. Jas. E. Roy, who was in Europe, to aid them in inspecting personally the material and workmanship of the banners. That it had resulted in procuring a splendid banner at the cost of \$170, which was much lower than the estimate. That the Society had inspected the banner at the last Festival of St. Andrew, and appeared pleased with the result of Committee's purchase. The matter was discussed, and the Committee thanked for their attention and promptness in having the work so well executed. The design was furnished by the Committee, and gave entire satisfaction to the Society.

The following were elected members during the year:

Major Clarke,	Colin Macnab,
Joseph Wood, Senr.,	John A. Macdonald,
Joseph Wood, Junr.,	Stephen Mitchell,
H. C. McCallum,	Hon. Geo. H. Murray,
David Colquhoun,	Jas. D. Ritchie,
Col. Jas. D. Irving,	Alex. McKenzie,
Geo. F. Macdonald,	Donald Sutherland,
F. W. Page,	Dugal McLachlan,

and Donald Keith and Andrew Bayne were elected Perpetual Members, and each paid \$40 into the hands of the Treasurer for the honour conferred. At this year's Annual Meeting the President, Alex. Stephen, made the following communication to the Society:

That during his term of office, now about expiring, he had in his oversight of the interests of the Institution, examined the minute book and records of the Society for several years past, and with great regret had to bring the attention of the Society to the indifferent manner in which the business of the several meetings had been recorded. There were noble exceptions, but owing, as

he believed, to the fact that members, overwhelmed with business engagements, had accepted the office of Secretary, with but very limited time to devote to the duties of the position, the result had been unsatisfactory. Thus the very briefest notice of the work of each meeting is presented on the Minutes.

In several instances, the Treasurer's reports are omitted. For several years past not the slightest record can be found in the books relating to the celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew, one of our most important meetings, historically considered—a deplorable loss to the Society's records. These, with other important omissions, render the Archives incomplete.

For the creditable continuation of our history this should be considered, and he, as President, would suggest the appointment of an office-bearer whose duties would consist of an oversight of the records, and who would annually enter on the books of the Society, after the Festival of St. Andrew, of a historical summary of the transactions of the year. The new office-bearer to be called "The Historian," to be elected annually, and to rank with the Chaplains of the Society.

In the best interests of the Institution he, the President, would submit this communication for the information and consideration of members, and would further recommend that as an appointment of Honorary Office-bearers requires no prescribed period of notice, before completing election, that at this Annual Meeting a Historian be appointed.

After a brief discussion of this important communication by a large meeting of members, the unanimous expression of opinion was in favor of the President's recommendation, when it was moved by John Forbes, and seconded by Geo. Mitchell, that James S. Macdonald be appointed Historian of the Society, which being put from the Chair, was passed unanimously.

Mr. Macdonald, in accepting the office, briefly thanked the Society for the honor conferred.

The newly appointed Historian was then empowered by the President and office-bearers to procure, at his own expense, some suitable insignia of office, the same to be Scottish in design and motto, and to be inscribed on back with date of institution of office.

The election of office-bearers resulted in appointment of the following for 1897:

J. J. Stewart,	<i>President;</i>
Prof. W. C. Murray,	<i>Vice do.;</i>
J. A. Chisholm,	<i>Senr. Vice;</i>
Major Clarke,	<i>Junr. Vice;</i>
Alex. Stephen,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Historian;</i>
D. Budge,	<i>Secretary;</i>
D. A. King,	<i>Asst. do.;</i>
John Macdonald,	
J. McInnes,	<i>Committee</i>
Arch. Miller,	<i>of</i>
Wm. Ross,	<i>Charity;</i>
T. Duncanson,	
Rev. Dr. Pollok,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. Dr. Forrest,	
Arch. Lockhart,	<i>Marshal;</i>
David Manson,	<i>Pipe Major;</i>

The Festival of Saint Andrew was duly celebrated by holding a dinner at Halifax Hotel, Monday evening, the 30th of November. This function was one of the finest in the history of the Institution, 155 members and guests being present. From start to finish it proved a magnificent success. The arrangement in every department was perfect; the wines excellent; the pipe music by Manson superb, and the Society's quartette furnished Scottish music, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Chair was filled by J. J. Stewart, Esq., and right and left he was supported by the best citizens of Halifax, with Government officials, and representatives of Army and Navy.

At 11 o'clock the President announced the first toast, and in his introductory remarks gave a most interesting sketch of the progress and position of the Society, and its hallowed associations of 125 years.

The different toasts elicited eloquent responses, particularly that of Scotland and Burns, which was replied to by Rev. Dr. J. S. Black in a speech of great beauty and power. The Clan McLean were present in kilts, plaids and tartans, and were a splendid acquisition to so thoroughly Scottish a gathering. Chief Forbes replied most eloquently for the Clan. Telegrams of fraternal greeting were received from Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa, and suitably answered. The music was a grand feature. Samuel Crawford delighted the company with an exquisite rendering of several of his favourite numbers, his notes fairly thrilling his auditors with their sweetness and beauty. The Festival was voted a great success by all present, and was well up to the high standard of our Society's celebrations.

1897.

This year, like its predecessor, was an active and prosperous one with the Society. Mr. Stewart made a popular President, and was well supported by the members. The grand services of the late Treasurer were, this year, suitably acknowledged. At the August Quarterly Meeting, attended by a capital representation of the members, Mr. Geo. Mitchell was presented with a solid

silver service, suitably engraved with crest of Society and his family crest. It bore the following inscription:

Presented to GEO. MITCHELL, M. P. P.,
by the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, N. S.,
in recognition of his services as
Treasurer of the Society
for twenty-five years.

1897

Mr. Mitchell made an eloquent and pleasing reply in accepting testimonial from Society.

As the world oftentimes in the case of useful officials of wealthy philanthropic institutions such as our Society permits and accepts an immense deal of work to be rendered for years without notice or recognition, this presentation serves as a good object lesson to other institution in our community, and will help to encourage them in the requital of faithful services of men who have, as Mr. Mitchell, laboured long without hope or inclination of recognition or reward. It may here be noticed that the service presented was valuable and costly.

The Society, in conjunction with Clan McLean, held a Scottish gathering in August, which proved a great success. A large Committee from each organization managed the affair, and a good number from Pictou and Antigonish, with a large contingent from Cape Breton, competed in the games, and showed great interest in the truly Highland gathering that it proved. The Society's proportion of expenses was \$150.

The death of James Godfrey Smith, a most useful member, took place this year. Mr. Smith's family connection with the Society dates back for over a century. A minute of regret was ordered to be recorded.

The new Pipe-Major continued with the Society, and was granted this summer a new tunic and waistcoat.

The following were elected members during the year :

H. B. Clarke,	Donald McPherson Grant,
N. F. Cunningham,	Ebenezer McKay,
Henry A. McDonald.	

The invested funds showed by statement to stand at \$22,403.18.

At this date the Society had attained a very enviable position. The good fellowship of the members was well in evidence. No sound was heard of dissatisfaction or discord. Three energetic members had each filled the Chair during the past three years with great dignity and judgment:—Messrs. Forbes in 1895, Stephen in 1896, and Stewart in present year, 1897, had given their best energies to the task of renovation and restoration, and had succeeded in placing the Institution high in the estimation of its members and the Scotchmen of Halifax. During their terms of office in the Chair, a splendid Piper had been procured from Scotland, the Quarterly meetings had regained their old-time popularity, and were all social meetings in the true sense of the term; the Festivals of St. Andrew had been restored to their former importance, a splendid banner had been procured for the Society from Britain. The service of a quarter century of hard and faithful work of Geo. Mitchell, Treasurer, had been fittingly acknowledged by a presentation worthy of the Society. The new volume of Annals had been compiled and distributed, and a number of matters of minor importance, such as attending to the monuments of deceased members, and the erection of a suitable memorial to a late favourite Piper. These can be mentioned as among the objects of their care, and which we can thank these worthy Presidents for. Nor can we forget the new members these changes brought to the Society. The active list was largely increased, besides the Perpetuals secured to the Institution, and all these good things came to the Society by the strong, working,

personal interest of these three gentlemen named. At the close of the year, the invested funds showed a substantial increase.

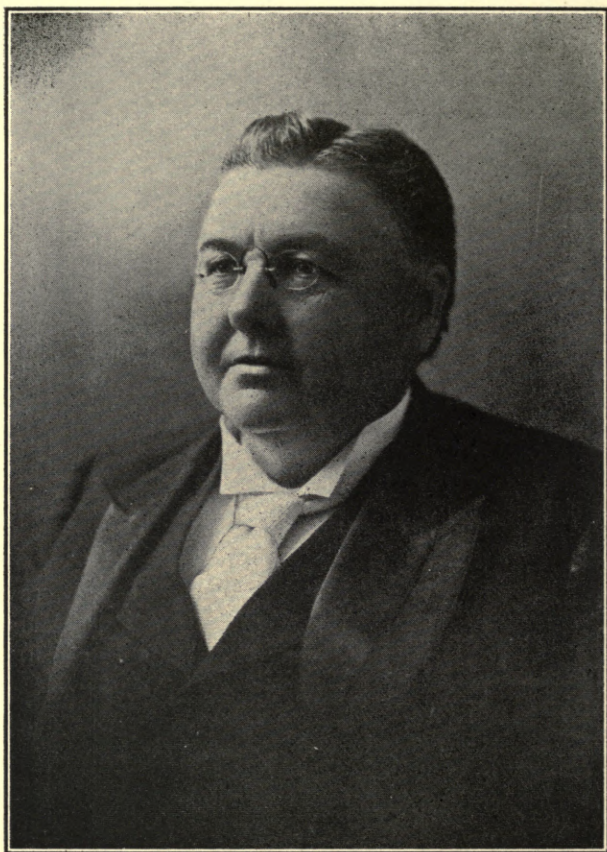
The following office-bearers were elected to serve in 1898:

John McInnes,	<i>President;</i>					
Prof. Howard Murray,	<i>Vice do.;</i>					
James Halliday,	<i>Senr. Asst.;</i>					
H. C. McCallum,	<i>Junr. do.;</i>					
Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Historian;</i>					
McC. Grant,	<i>Treasurer;</i>					
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Dr. John Forrest, D. D.,						
Lr. Follok, D. D.,						
Arch. Lockhart,	<i>Marshal;</i>					

The Festival of Saint Andrew was celebrated by the Society dining together at Halifax Hotel on Tuesday evening, 30th November.

Biographical Note—1897.

Rev. Daniel M. Gordon, D. D., Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, born in Nova Scotia, 1845, of Scottish descent, an eloquent and energetic divine, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, until his appointment to a Professorship at Pine Hill Theological College, from which position he was, on the death of Principal Grant, called to the Presidency of Queen's University, Kingston. In 188- he distinguished himself by serving as Chaplain



REV. JAS. S. BLACK, D. D.

to the 90th Battalion during the Riel Rebellion in the North-West, for which he received the medal for active service on the field at Batouche. In Halifax he was a great favourite, and connected himself with our Society in 1889, and subsequently was appointed Chaplain. His removal from Halifax was greatly regretted by the Society.

Rev. Jas. S. Black, D. D., a native of Brechin, Scotland, born in 1845, educated at Edinburgh, ordained minister of Established Church of Scotland 1870, subsequently came to Halifax, and for several years was pastor of St. Andrew's, Church, Halifax. Received degree of D. D. from Presbyterian College, Montreal. Joined the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in 1895, and at once became a prominent member, was elected Vice-President in 1902, and presided at the St. Andrew's dinner that year. Mr. Black resigned the office of Vice-President, and returned to Britain in 1903.

1898.

The attendance at the meetings of Society this year was not satisfactory. There was not that desirable unanimity among the members so evident under the Presidency of Forbes, Stephen, and Stewart.

Pipe-Major Manson resigned his position, and accepted a lucrative office in Montreal. This was greatly regretted by many of the members, particularly by those who had given considerable time and trouble in procuring so talented a Piper for the Society, and whose presence had greatly helped to augment the active list of members during past three years.

The following were elected members:

J. H. Hugill,	Capt. J. M. Allen,
W. H. Bauld,	Jas. Taylor,
Capt. S. R. Hill,	Jas. Hall,
Wm. Fraser.	

At the Annual Meeting the following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year:

Prof. Howard Murray, *President*;

J. A. Chisholm, *Vice do.*;

Geo. H. Taylor, *Senr. Asst*;

W. D. Cameron, *Junr. do.*;

McC. Grant, *Treasurer*;

Jas. S. Macdonald, *Historian*;

J. McInnes,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity</i> ;
J. Macdonald,	
J. Duncanson,	
Wm. Ross,	

A. Miller,

Dr. J. Ross,	} <i>Secretaries</i> ;
D. Budge,	

Rev. Dr. Forrest,	} <i>Chaplains</i> ;
Rev. J. S. Black,	

J. W. H. Cameron, *Piper*;

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

Arrangements for Festival left with the office-bearers elect.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by holding the Annual Dinner at Halifax Hotel on Wednesday evening, the 30th of November, Prof. Howard Murray, President, in the Chair. The different tables were surrounded by a most enthusiastic company. The dining-hall was resplendent with decorations, the menu, as usual, perfect. The vocal music exquisite. Crawford was present, and in great voice and magnetic touch with the pleased assemblage. The splendid piping of Manson was all that was requisite to make the occasion complete in harmony, but he was away, and by his absence a braw Scottish thistle dropped from the chaplet of social victories achieved by our Society.

At 11 o'clock the cloth was removed, and after the usual introductory thanks of the President for the honour con-

ferred by placing him in the Chair, the toast list was proceeded with. The pious memory of St. Andrew, the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Governor-General, were well given from the Chair, and duly honoured, when the fifth toast, "The Dominion, Provincial and Civic Rulers" was proposed by an office-bearer in a speech which occupied three quarters of an hour in delivery. The toast was vigorously replied to by a number of leading politicians who were placed at the head of the table, although not public guests of the Society, and who forgetting that guests have duties as well as hosts, occupied three hours in debating political questions of the day. "Platforms and policies," outs and ins, all duly discussed by prominent men who seizing the opportunity presented by the unfortunate introduction to the toast, inflicted fearful speeches upon an innocent and generally uninterested company, and to the horror of the President, who in the position of host had to take it patiently, consumed hours which should have been devoted to the programme, upon which his prestige as a Chairman so much depended. By the time the politicians had exhausted themselves, and at the same time the patience of the majority of the members of the Society, 2 a. m. had arrived, and at 2.35 in the morning, the first Scottish patriotic toast was proposed and replied to by Rev. J. S. Black in a one minute address. This was a great disappointment to Mr. Black, as well as to the majority of the company, as the Reverend orator had been specially asked to speak to the toast, and had prepared a suitable reply, the delivery of which was looked forward to with great pleasure, as Mr. Black's eloquence and power as a speaker was well known to the Society and to the people of Halifax. At such a late hour to commence the national toasts the briefest brevity was all that could be looked for, and with Mr. Black's withdrawal at the close of his reply, the meeting degenerated into a sort of smoking concert. There was no excess, but the guests

appeared to take charge; the majority of them thought it was the correct thing to do, and the result was most unsatisfactory. The almost sacred elevation of thought and speech, so characteristic of the Scottish National Festival, was wanting. There were lots of burlesque and politics, but the splendid appeals to patriotism and the hallowed associations of other years and other members revived by the Festival were wanting, and at 4 a. m. the company separated. The majority had a lot of enjoyment, but to the thorough Scots present it was by no means a fitting celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. The President had the sincere sympathy of many of the members of the Society present, but it was a trying position to occupy to have charge of so many unreasonable guests who had so little consideration for the host and the Festival.

Biographical Note—1898.

Howard Murray, Professor of Dalhousie College, born in Nova Scotia, 1859, of Scottish descent, after a thorough Collegiate course, distinguished by great brilliancy, captured the Gilchrist Scholarship in 1881. Subsequently in Scotland, England, and Germany, he prosecuted his studies, and in 1887 was appointed Professor of Classics in Dalhousie College. His reputation as a classical authority stands high in the Dominion. Prof. Murray joined the Society in 1888, served in several junior offices, and was elected President in 1898.

1899.

This year the Society donated the sum of one hundred dollars toward the relief of the widows, children and wives of the Halifax Contingent to South Africa, Company H, Capt. H. B. Stairs.

The Records of the Society, often a cause of anxiety to members, were deposited for safety at close of year in fire-proof vault of Union Bank of Halifax:—Six Volumes of Society, 1768 to 1896, all in good condition; four volumes Treasurer's Books, 1768 to 1896; four Packages, 1768 to 1820, valuable papers; one Volume Printed Annals of Society, first edition, 1768 to 1868; one Volume Printed Annals of Society, second edition, 1768 to 1893; two Silver Seals of Society.

The death of John Taylor, Senr., a most esteemed member, who had been for nearly fifty years connected with the Society, was communicated to the February meeting. A minute of regret was placed on record, and a copy sent to the family.

It was discussed, and passed unanimously, that in future as many of the retired Presidents as available, with other leading members of the Society to the number of twenty-five be invited to attend the meetings of Committee of office-bearers elect and out-going, preparing for Annual Festival of St. Andrew.

The following were elected Ordinary Members of Society:

F. Webster,	F. Simson,
Thos. Mitchell,	G. H. McKenzie,
S. M. Mabow,	J. D. McDonald,

and Edward Morrison was elected a Perpetual Member, paying to the Treasurer \$40.

At Annual Meeting, the Marshal gave in a list of the property of the Society in the rooms leased from Bedford Chambers, Bedford Row.

The election of office-bearers for 1900 resulted as follows:

J. A. Chisholm, *President*;
 Col. J. D. Irving, *Vice do.*;
 Hector McInnes, *Senr. Asst. Vice*;
 Geo. E. Boak, *Junr. Asst. Vice*;
 Jas. S. Macdonald, *Historian*;

Thos. Duncanson,	} Committee of Charity;
A. Miller,	
John Macdonald,	
Wm. Ross,	
John McInnes.	
McC. Grant, <i>Treasurer</i> ;	
D. Budge,	} Secretaries;
Jas. Ross,	
Rev. Dr. Forrest,	} Chaplains;
Rev. Dr. Black,	
J. W. H. Cameron, <i>Piper</i> ;	
Arch. Lockhart, <i>Marshal</i> ;	

The Festival of Saint Andrew was celebrated by the Society and guests dining at Halifax Hotel on Thursday evening, the 30th of November.

1900.

The Quarterly Meetings were marked by slender attendance of members. A Committee was appointed to procure a Piper for Society. Mr. D. McPherson Grant, R. N., ordered to Britain, resigned membership.

The following were, during the year, elected members:

W. G. Robertson,	W. R. McInnes,
Thos. Payne,	W. Chisholm,
R. Norman,	W. F. McPhie,

and Col. James J. Bremner and Col. Charles J. Macdonald became Perpetual Members, paying \$40 each to the Treasurer.

Mr. Thos. Duncanson, a valued member of the Committee of Charity, having resigned his position as member of Committee, a minute of approval of his services was placed on record, and presented to Mr. Duncanson at Festival of St. Andrew. The delapidated condition of monument in Cemetery, Camp Hill, to Howard Maclean,

a late esteemed Secretary, was called to the attention of Society, and it was ordered that it be placed in good condition. The Marshal reported that the property of Society in Bedford Chambers was in good order and consisted of

The new Banner of Society, Silk.

The Banner of 1834, Silk.

Seven Bannerettes, 1834, Silk.

One Union Jack.

900 Blank Certificates of Membership.

Two Snuff Mulls.

70 Volumes Annals, 1768-1893.

Boxes, two Muniment Chests, and other Miscellaneous Property.

The following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year:

Lieut.-Col. J. D. Irving, D. O. C., *President*;

Hector McInnes, *Vice do.*;

G. H. Taylor, *Senr. Asst. do.*;

Geo. E. Boak, *Junr. Asst. do.*;

McC. Grant, *Treasurer*;

Jas. S. Macdonald, *Historian*;

D. Budge,

L. M. Johnston, } *Secretaries*;

Dr. J. S. Black, D. D.,

Dr. John Forrest, D. D., } *Chaplains*;

G. S. Campbell,

John Macdonald, } *Committee*

Wm. Ross,

Thos. Duncanson, } *of*

Arch. Miller,

Arch. Lockhart, *Marshal*;

J. W. H. Cameron, *Piper*;

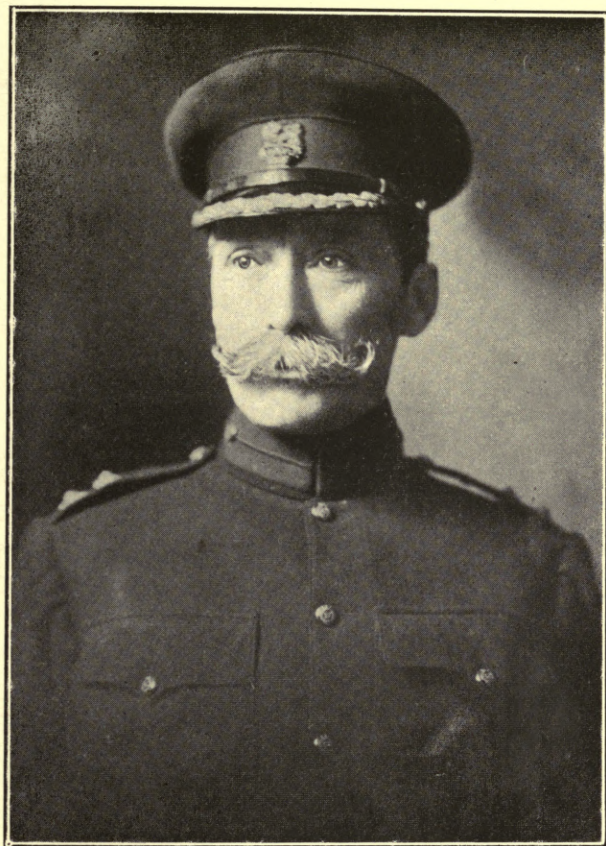
Arrangements for celebrating the Festival of Saint Andrew were left to the incoming office-bearers and Past Presidents of Society.

The dinner in celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew was held on Friday evening, 30th of November, at Halifax Hotel. Over 150 members and guests attended; more than forty officers were present in uniform, the military turning out in force to compliment the gallant Colonel President of the Society. The hall and tables presented a grand appearance, and the banners, decorations, bunting and flowers made a tasteful and splendid display, well in keeping with the company and the patriotic feelings inspired by the memories of the day. The President was supported by the Lieut.-Governor, Col. Biscoe, Commanding the Forces, Capt. Gifford, R. N., of the *Charybdis*, Major Simmons, R. E., and Capt. Stairs, just returned from the South African Campaign with the Halifax Contingent, Col. Ogilvie, R. A., the Mayor, Presidents of Sister Societies, Cabinet Ministers of the Dominion, beside a strong representation of members of the Society. The President presided with dignity, and made a good Chairman, in every way worthy the traditions of our Society. A feature of the occasion was the presentation of a copy of the Annals, splendidly bound in maroon morocco, to Thomas Duncanson, Esq., Chairman of Committee of Charity.

Mr. Duncanson, in accepting the gift and address, made a most feeling and eloquent acknowledgment of the value of the gift, and the good feeling of all concerned existing between the Society and himself.

Biographical Note—1900.

Lieut.-Col. J. D. Irving, a native of Prince Edward Island, of Scottish descent, born at Charlottetown, 1844, educated there, in early life became an enthusiast in militia matters, joined the Provincial forces, and being proficient in drill and organization, was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel in 1887. In 1893 he was appointed D. O. C. for Nova Scotia Military District, and has for several



LIEUT.-COL. J. D. IRVING

years occupied the position with great acceptance. In the transfer of several Contingents from the West to Halifax, and thence by transport to South Africa during the recent war, he greatly distinguished himself by his care for the comfort of the Forces despatched from Halifax. Col. Irving took command of the Third Contingent despatched to the seat of war, but on arrival found the Campaign had closed by the capitulation of the Boers. The Colonel joined the NORTH BRITISH in 1895. In 1901 he was elected President, and presided with great dignity at the St. Andrew's Dinner of that year. His popularity has been manifest, and has been duly earned by attention and enthusiasm in every matter entrusted to his care.

1901.

To the great and unbounded sorrow of all true and loyal British subjects,

Her Most Gracious Majesty

QUEEN VICTORIA,

Died on the 22nd of January, 1901.

A Special Meeting of Society was called on receipt of the mournful intelligence, and the following minute expressive of the deep sorrow of the members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax was submitted by the President, was adopted and forwarded to His Majesty the King, and duly acknowledged by the Lord Chamberlain. The minute was ordered to be inserted in the records of the Society as a most sincere expression of reverence and esteem for the Sovereign so well beloved by our Scottish people throughout the Empire:

MINUTE OF EXPRESSION OF SORROW OF NORTH BRITISH
SOCIETY OF HALIFAX, N. S.,

on demise of

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA,

22nd of January, 1901.

“The office-bearers delegated by the NORTH BRITISH
“SOCIETY to prepare a suitable minute for insertion in
“the records of the Institution, expressive of the great
“sorrow which has clouded our national life by the recent
“demise of

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA,

“would most respectfully submit the following brief
“but sincere expression of the reverence and esteem of
“the Society for the Sovereign who has so lately
“exchanged her earthly symbol of power for the unfading
“diadem of a glorious immortality.

“Not only has Britain lost a Queen whose life and
“nobility of character has been the admiration of the
“civilized world, but the Throne of Great Britain has lost
“the most Majestic Sovereign that in her famous annals
“has ever wielded power. Victoria’s reign surpassed in
“glory that of any Monarch in history, and as long as
“Britain endures, the Victorian era will stand out with a
“lustre that time will never dim.

“Scotland and her sons in the Motherland, and where-
“ever they dwell outside her borders, join the world-
“wide sorrow for a Monarch who, to Scotland, ever made
“herself dear by her motherly interest in everything
“which tended to preserve the patriotic life and tra-
“ditions of our unconquered nation. Her never-failing
“personal love for her Scottish home which she cherished
“as a native, for the Scottish people whom she loved as
“a mother, will make her memory and her worth to be

“ever revered and treasured as a priceless jewel in the remembrance of our Scottish nation.

“In this new Scotland of ours, we join in the universal mourning for our late beloved Monarch, and our members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, with the entire British Empire, thank God for having bestowed on them such a ruler as Queen Victoria, who, during a long life, blended the affection of a Mother with the majesty of the Sovereign in her dealings with her beloved people, who to-day, in their profound sorrow, have also a glorious heritage of memories to enjoy, and transmit to posterity of the great and good life of her who ‘had all the Royal making of a Queen.’”

For the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, Nova Scotia,

J. D. IRVING, *President*.

Halifax, N. S., 7th February, 1901.

The Society decided to issue diplomas to members in good standing. Mr. Thomas Wood, an elegant penman, and son of an esteemed member, was entrusted with the work, which was well performed to the satisfaction of the Society. The following were admitted members during the year:

J. Adams,

A. D. McRae,

R. W. Murray,

E. Coffin,

and D. H. McCaskill, Montreal, was elected an Honorary Member, and the following having completed an active membership of twenty years were, by their own request, transferred to the Honorary List of the Society, and exempted from payment of dues:

Archibald Miller,

Archibald Lockhart,

John Watson.

This summer, a suitable marble monument was erected to the memory of a former favourite Piper of the Society, John Patterson, in Camp Hill Cemetery, and fittingly

inscribed, a just tribute of esteem to one who had served the Society with zeal and honour.

Capt. Griffin, a recently deceased Honorary Member, who had from time to time received aid from Society, during late years left in the settlement of his estate, \$100 to the funds.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, in the course of their tour over the British Dominions, visited Halifax in October, and a special meeting was held to arrange about reception to the distinguished visitors. At the August meeting, the President reported from the Committee, that they had decided to recommend the presentation of an address from the Society, and submitted a draft of the same, prepared by the Historian, which was read to the meeting, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be suitably engrossed and presented to the Duke and Duchess on their arrival and public reception, Saturday, 19th October, 1901. The address agreed to read as follows:

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York,
Duke of Rothesay, Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha,
Duke of Saxony, Earl of Carrick and Inverness,
Baron of Renfrew and Killamey, Lord of the Isles,
and Great Steward of Scotland, K. G., P. C., K. T.,
K. P., G. C. M. G., G. C. V. O., LL.D., D C. L.:

May it Please Your Royal Highness:

We, the President, office-bearers and members of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, representing the Scottish community of Nova Scotia, the oldest of the Provinces of British North America, approach Your Royal Highness with a hearty welcome, and present our sincere congratulations upon the Magnificent Progress of yourself and Royal Duchess around the globe, in visiting the many lands and peoples which compose the great British Empire, of which we are proud to form a part.

Our Society, the oldest national and benevolent institution in Canada, recalls from the treasured events of its past history, the memory of the visit, and its reception, a century ago, of your well-beloved great grandfather, the Duke of Kent, and also the welcome given your Royal Father on his arrival at Halifax, in the course of his memorable journey over the Empire in 1860; and now in the commencement of a new century, we hail the welcome presence of yourself and Royal Duchess as a mark of that continued interest in our welfare which has ever distinguished your Royal House, an interest which tends to excite our esteem, and bind us with "bands stronger than steel" to our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire in loyalty to our King and country.

As Scottish Canadians, proud of our countless associations with Britain and its glorious past, the colossal future and expansion which the present greatness of the United Empire portends, demands our best efforts in supporting the Throne and Constitution under which we have so happily lived. We therefore beg to renew, in this address, the freshening impulse of our warm loyalty to your Royal Father's person and family, and to assure Your Royal Highness that we continue to cherish that faithful adherence to the Throne which has ever distinguished our organization and countrymen, and which we trust to transmit unimpaired to our successors to the latest generations.

Halifax, N. S., 19th Oct., 1901.

The following office-bearers were elected for ensuing year, 1902:

Hector McInnes, *President*;

Geo. H. Taylor, *Vice do.*;

J. Ross, *Senr. Asst.*;

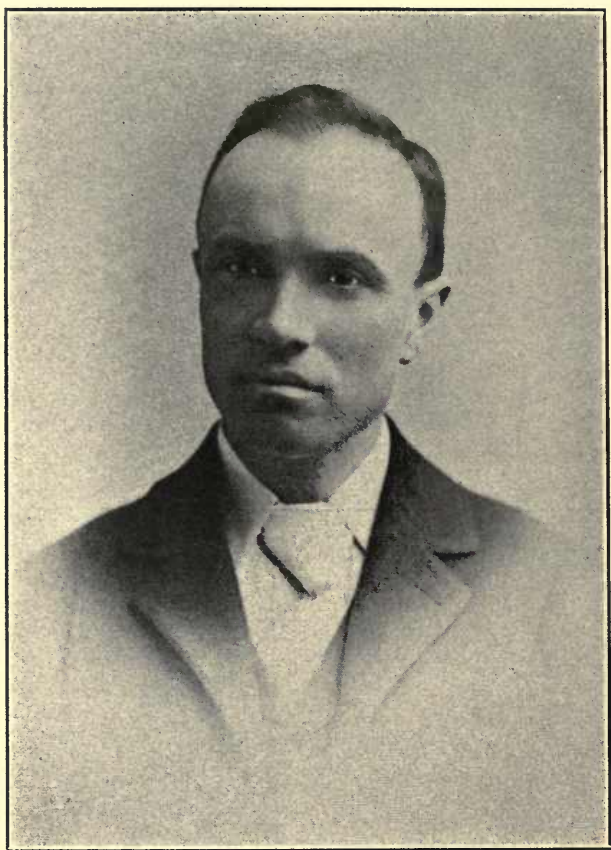
James Halliday, *Junr. Asst.*;

McC. Grant, *Treasurer*;

Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Historian;</i>	
D. Budge,		} <i>Secretaries;</i>
W. R. McInnes,		
Rev. Dr. Pollok,		} <i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. T. Fowler,		
J. W. H. Cameron,	<i>Piper;</i>	
A. Miller,		} <i>Committee</i> <i>of</i> <i>Charity;</i>
D. H. Campbell,		
John McInnes,		
W. Ross,		
John Macdonald,		
Arch. Lockhart,	<i>Marshal.</i>	

The 134th celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew by the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was held at Halifax Hotel on Friday evening, St. Andrew's Eve., 29th November. The company numbered 150 members and guests. The tables, banners and decorations of the dining-room under the electric lights had a magnificent effect. The leading merchants and notables of the city, representatives of the army and navy, including the General Commanding the Forces and staff, and leading militia officers were present.

The interesting review of the Society's work for past years by the President, Hector McInnes, the progress of the Institution, and the fact that financially we were in what might be termed a satisfactory condition, was received with applause, and the great toast of the King was given from the Chair, amid great enthusiasm. As this occasion was the first celebration of the Festival since His Majesty's accession to the Throne, the toast was duly honoured amid great cheering and piping. Then followed a long list of toasts. A notable response to the Army and Navy was made by Capt. Campbell, R. N., who referred to the fact that his grand-uncle, Sir Colin Campbell, an Honorary Member of the Society, and Lieut.-Governor of the Province, had attended the meetings



HECTOR M'INNES

seventy years ago. Three pipers were a feature of the dinner. The Highland music was inspiring; one of the pipers, McRae, was personal piper to Capt. Campbell. The band of the Royal Canadian Regiment was in the orchestra and gave splendid selections of Scottish music. Altogether, the celebration was a great success, and marked a good patriotic opening by the Society for the 20th Century.

Biographical Notes—1901.

Hector McInnes, a native of Nova Scotia, of Scottish descent, studied law at Halifax, admitted to the Bar in 1888, and has since held a leading place in his profession in this city. In 1889 he joined the Society, and during subsequent years held various offices, in all of which he gave great satisfaction to the Society. In 1901 he was elected President, and the St. Andrew's Dinner of that year was a most brilliant one. Mr. McInnes holds many offices of trust in the community,—is Treasurer of Dalhousie College, Director of Bank of Nova Scotia, and is considered by all as one destined to reach the highest honours of his profession.

Dr. George M. Campbell, born in Nova Scotia, of Scottish descent, studied medicine, and passing a brilliant examination as M. D., commenced the practice of his profession in Halifax in 1890, where he has since occupied a leading position. Dr. Campbell has been largely interested in social and philanthropic institutions—is connected with the Clan McLean, the curling organization, and the many popular matters which a public man finds it necessary to be allied with. He joined the NORTH BRITISH in 1882, and has occupied the Vice-Chair of the Society, in which he proved a most useful member.

1902.

The Society made good progress this year. The Quarterly Meetings were social and pleasant, and the members put in a good attendance.

In May, a very interesting event occurred. Lieut.-Col. Irving, our late President, was ordered to take command of the Sixth Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles, and proceed to South Africa to join the British Forces in the field. A special meeting of Society was called to express the satisfaction of the members at the honour conferred upon the gallant Colonel, and to present him with a pair of field glasses as a mark of their regard. A large number of members attended the presentation. Appropriate addresses were made by many leading members; quite a fraternal gathering, creditable to the patriotism of all, resulted.

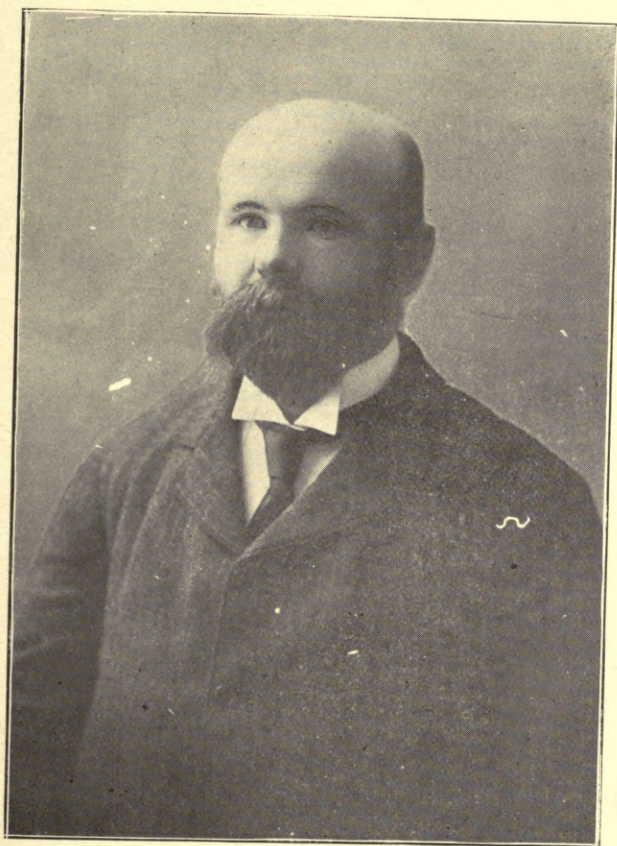
During the year the death was announced of Rev. Geo. M. Grant, D. D., Kingston, Principal of Queen's University. Great regret was manifested by the Society, with whom the reverend gentleman had been a great favourite, having been over thirty years a member, and President in 1875. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the family, and a minute expressive of Society's regret ordered to be inserted on the records.

Twenty dollars was voted by the Society toward the repairing of St. Paul's Cemetery, as several eminent Scotsmen were buried there between 1768 and 1820.

The following were elected members during the year:

W. L. Kane,	Chas. E. MacLaggan,
C. D. McAlpine,	John Calder,
E. J. Ross,	Gordon Scott,
Robert Brunton,	W. R. Shute,
John W. McKenzie,	

and Thomas Duncanson, by the payment of forty dollars, was elected a Perpetual Member. A copy of the Annals,



DR. GEORGE M. CAMPBELL

specially bound, was sent to Lord Dundonald, Commanding the Forces of the Dominion, and was suitably acknowledged. During the year a large amount of routine business was disposed of. The Committee of Charity was active, and the different objects of the Society were well attended to.

The following were elected office-bearers for ensuing year, 1903:

George H. Taylor,	<i>President;</i>	
Rev. Dr. J. S. Black,	<i>Vice do.;</i>	
James Halliday,	<i>Senr. Asst.;</i>	
F. Simson,	<i>Junr. Asst.;</i>	
McC. Grant,	<i>Treasurer;</i>	
D. Budge,	}	<i>Secretaries;</i>
W. R. McInnes,		
Jas. S. Macdonald,		<i>Historian;</i>
Rev. Dr. Pollok,	}	<i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. T. Fowler,		
John Macdonald,	}	<i>Committee</i>
John MacInnes,		
Wm. Ross,		
D. A. Campbell,		
Arch. Miller,		<i>of</i>
A. Lockhart,		<i>Charity;</i>
J. W. H. Cameron,		<i>Piper;</i>

The annual statement showed an expenditure of \$1,642.47. Society assets, \$24,918.24.

The Annual Meeting and Supper was one of the best held of late years. A marked interest and enthusiasm pervaded the large attendance at the supper. Over twenty Past-Presidents were at the table, and the company embraced the leading professional and business men of the community. Special singing and speeches with the Society's quartette—Norman, Gillis, Mitchell and Pemberton—all contributed to a most enjoyable meeting.

The celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew by the usual dinner, took place at Halifax Hotel. In the absence of the President, through illness, Rev. Dr. Black, Vice-President, presided.

The company was, as usual, numerous and influential, and the occasion was enjoyed greatly by the members and guests. Dr. Black broke the record of celerity of Society dinners, having satisfactorily disposed of the toast list hours' ahead of the usual time, as the parting toast of "*good night and joy be wi' ye*" was given, to the great surprise of the company, at 12 o'clock. It was a splendid celebration, and capitally managed and guided by the talented Chairman to a most successful and harmonious conclusion.

Biographical Notes—1902.

Geo. H. Taylor, born at Halifax, 1846, son of John Taylor, who, for over fifty years, was an active member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, was educated at Halifax, and entered business at an early age. Mr. Taylor joined the Society in 1871, and has since then served in several offices, particularly that of Junr. Vice, and as Steward of the meetings, with great satisfaction. In 1902 he was elected President, and had a most successful year of office, several useful members being secured to the Institution.

Hon. George H. Murray, born in Nova Scotia, 1861, of Scottish descent, studied law and was called to the Bar in 1883. Entering politics in 1889, he became Premier in 1896. Mr. Murray's family have been connected with the Society for several generations—his grandfather, Wm. Murray, of Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, having joined the Society in 1813. His uncles, Donald and William, were for many years active and favourite members, and were each elected Presidents. Other members of the family have also rendered great service to this Institution. He was elected President in 1903.



HON. GEORGE H. MURRAY

1903.

The Scottish Curlers, a strong representative team from all parts of Scotland, under their talented Captain, Rev. John Kerr, visited Canada early this year, and received a rousing reception at Halifax. A most enthusiastic company assembled under the banners of the Society to give them a hearty welcome at Queen Hotel. The President, Taylor, extended the hospitalities, and the Vice, Rev. J. S. Black, gave an eloquent welcome. The Royal Garrison Regimental Band was in the orchestra, and gave a splendid programme of Scottish music. The affair was a most unqualified success; fraternal good fellowship animated the great company, reviving many associations and memories of the Fatherland.

At the August meeting, the Society decided

"That in future, in furtherance of the best interests
"of the Society, a meeting of the office-bearers elected
"at Annual Meeting, be held not later than the second
"Thursday in January of each year;

"To examine and discharge all accounts connected
"with the celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew;

"To arrange for increasing the membership of the
"Society, and to arrange for the collection of back dues;

"To revise the Roll of Members when necessary, and
"to consider all matters relating to the general working
"and welfare of the Society during their term of office
"in coming year."

A letter was received from Col. J. D. Irving, then visiting at Edinburgh, advising his donating to the Society a solid silver Quaig, or ancient drinking-horn, recently purchased by him at Edinburgh, and asking the Society's acceptance of the same. On motion, it was received, and the Secretary directed to acknowledge the gift, and thank the donor for his handsome remembrance of the Institution.

It was decided that for the better information of the Society, in future the Treasurer's annual statement be printed, and a copy sent to each member, with notice of Annual Meeting.

The sum of one hundred dollars a year for two years, or two hundred dollars in all, was voted toward the equipment of the Highland Pipe Band of the 63rd Halifax Rifles, the band to render musical service as required by Society for a period of three years. The matter was considered worthy the attention and encouragement of the Society as a Scottish interest, deserving of recognition by our Scottish community.

It was also decided to revise the Rules and By-Laws and submit same at next Annual Meeting.

The following were admitted members during the year:

M. McF. Hall,	S. Y. Wilson,
D. F. Matheson,	Stanley Miller,
John J. Webster,	Geo. Anderson,
E. S. Blackie,	F. M. Anderson,
W. S. Gray,	Frank L. Stephen.
John Stewart, M. D.	

The publication of the Third Volume of Annals of the Society, from 1768 to 1903, was approved, and direction of same left to arrangement of incoming office-bearers.

The election of office-bearers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

Hon. Geo. H. Murray,	<i>President;</i>
F. Simson,	<i>Vice do.;</i>
Dr. G. M. Campbell,	<i>Senr. Asst. Vice;</i>
Ald. Jas. Halliday,	<i>Junr. Asst. Vice;</i>
Jas. S. Macdonald,	<i>Historian;</i>
McC. Grant,	<i>Treasurer;</i>
D. Budge,	} <i>Secretaries;</i>
W. R. McInnes,	
Rev. Dr. Pollok,	} <i>Chaplains;</i>
Rev. Dr. Forrest,	

John McInnes,	} Committee of Charity;
Arch. Miller,	
Wm. Ross,	
John Macdonald,	
D. H. Campbell.	
Geo. Anderson, <i>Marshal</i> ;	

The expenditure this year totalled \$1,612.80, and the Treasurer's statement showed assets of \$24,756.15.

The death of a most esteemed member was announced at Annual Meeting—Lt.-Col. Charles J. Macdonald, who died October 6th, 1903. A resolution of sympathy and regret was subsequently decided upon, and sent to his widow and family.

The celebration of Saint Andrew, by the usual dinner, took place on Monday evening, 30th November, at Halifax Hotel. The attendance was not up to the standard of late years, as only ninety-six members and guests sat down to the as usual well-appointed tables. The music, speeches, and piping of the new Highland Band, gave every satisfaction, and the company separated at 3 a. m., thus closing the Society's record of one hundred and thirty-five years—an unbroken record of charity and good-fellowship creditable to the passing generations of our countrymen who, in their day, in this city, so well carried on the good work of the Institution, and so worthily transmitted it to us, their successors.

During the past 135 years, over 1500 members have been enrolled in the ranks of our Society, embracing the very best of the Scottish element of the city and Province. Its long roll is dotted over with names conspicuous in our Provincial history, many of brilliant talents who have left their mark on the annals of our country, with hosts of genial men who have been esteemed in the more retired pursuits of life.

The history and progress of our Society is so intimately entwined with the rise and progress of Hali-

fax, that every public act of our organization serves to recall some phase of the growth of the city and the life of its people. As in the history of kindred associations the Society has had its times of success and depression, for a number of successive years enjoying the living interest of its members, then, from various causes, periods of inaction would ensue. With ample funds to meet all its requirements, it only needs the warm interest of its membership to continue the good record it has enjoyed for so many generations, of being a genial centre of Scottish good-fellowship and charity. Its career has been an unsullied success, and the amount of good accomplished by it as a charitable institution, adds lustre to the proud position the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax occupies as the senior National Benevolent Association of the Dominion.

ADDENDA.

1904.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Society, held on 5th May, 1904, which was largely attended, the matter of the publication of the Annals was brought forward for the consideration of the members, when, after a full and interesting discussion, which was taken part in by many influential members present, the following resolutions were passed:

“That the historical record of the Society extending from its foundation in 1768, to the 30th November, 1903, now submitted in manuscript by the Historian, James S. Macdonald, be accepted, and an edition of three hundred copies, illustrated with half-tone portraits of at least one hundred members, be published in an up-to-date manner, creditable to the Society, under the direction of a Committee of five members to be appointed at this meeting, with instructions to proceed at once with the work.”

That the Committee on Publication of Annals of the Society consist of

Jas. C. Mackintosh, President,	1877
Rev. Dr. Forrest,	“ 1888
Alexander Stephen,	“ 1897
Hon. Geo. H. Murray,	“ 1904
James Halliday,	“ 1905

That the proposed edition of Annals be paid for by the Treasurer on proper vouchers being furnished, and that the President and Treasurer be empowered to provide the necessary funds by disposal of any of the securities now held by the Society available for the purpose.

ACTIVE

ROLL

OF

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY

PERPETUAL

ORDINARY

HONORARY

30 NOVEMBER, 1903

PERPETUAL—ACTIVE LIST.

30TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

Bremner, Col. James J.
Bayne, And. N.
Duncanson, Thomas
Esson, William
Fleming, Sandford
Grant, Peter
Keith, Donald
Morrison, Edward
Macdonald, James S.
Mackintosh, James C.
McNab, J.
Pollok, Rev. Allan, D.D.
Reid, A. P., M. D.
Reid, Thomas S.
Stewart, J. J.
Sutherland, Kenneth
Sedgewick, Robert

ORDINARY—ACTIVE LIST

30TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

Anderson, George	Gillis, D. C.
Adams, J.	Gray, W. S.
Archibald, Donald	Halliday, James
Allen, James	Hosking, J. E.
Anderson, F. M.	Hill, S. T.
Baxter, Robert	Hall, James
Brunton, Robt.	Huggins, W. H.
Budge, Daniel	Hall, M. McF.
Blackie, E. S.	Irving, Col. Jas. D.
Bayne, C. H.	Johnstone, H. W.
Boak, Geo. E.	Johnson, Jacob A.
Cowie, A. J., M.D.	Kane, W. L.
Cameron, W. M., M.D.	MacIntyre, Robt.
Cameron, J. W. H.	MacGregor, James
Campbell, Geo. M., M.D.	MacNab, Colin
Campbell, James	McLaggan, C. E.
Campbell, George S.	MacCrow, John
Campbell, D. H.	MacNeil, Daniel
Chisholm, William, M.L.C.	MacFatridge, Wm.
Chisholm, J. A.	McAlpine, C. D.
Chisholm, M., M.D.	MacInnes, Hector
Chisholm, J. S.	MacInnes, W. R.
Colquhoun, David	MacInnes, J.
Costley, Alfred	MacKenzie, H. D.
Coffin, E. W.	MacKenzie, G. H.
Cunningham, E. H.	MacKenzie, G. A.
Calder, John C.	MacKenzie, J. W.
Chute, W. R.	Macdonald, H. A.
Drysdale, Arthur	Macdonald, John
Forrest, Rev. John, D.D.	MacKie, C. J.
Forbes, John	MacKay, A. H.
Farquhar, J. A.	MacKay, Ebenezer
Farquhar, Jas.	McKay, A.
Fearon, Jas.	McKay, A. A.
Fowler, Rev. T.	Mitchell, George
Fraser, Wm.	Mitchell, A. B.
Grant, McC.	Mitchell, Stephen

Mitchell, Thomas	Stewart, John., M.D.
Matheson, D. F.	Stephen, Alexander
Miller, Stanley	Stephen, F. L.
Murray, Prof. Howard	Strachan, John
Murray, Prof. W. C.	Scott, Gordon
Murray, C. D., M.D.	Smith, E. F.
Murray, George H.	Simson, F.
Murray, R. H.	Schmidt, C.T.
Norman, R.	Taylor, Geo. H.
Page, W. F.	Taylor, William
Paton, J. B.	Taylor, James
Robertson, W. G.	Turnbull, J. A.
Ross, Jas., M.D.	Wood, Joseph
Ross, E. J.	Wood, Joseph. jr.
Roy, J. E.	Webster, J. J.
	Wilson, S. G.

HONORARY—LIVING.

30TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

Duke of Argyle, London.	Capt. W. Murray, R.N., Ports-
Adam C. Bell, New Glasgow.	mouth.
Lt.-Gen. Wilsone Black, London.	J. D. MacGregor, New Glas-
Hugh J. Cameron, Pictou.	gow.
Samuel Crawford, Halifax.	D. A. MacCaskill, Montreal.
John Drillio, Maitland.	Colin Macdonald, Boston.
Lt.-Gen. Dundas, Edinburgh.	Col. James Mitchell, Plymouth.
W. J. Fraser, Dartmouth.	Robert Miller, Hyde Park, Lon-
James B. Forgan, Chicago.	don.
Col. Finlay, War Office, Lon-	Pipe-Major D. Manson, Mont-
don.	real.
Major-Gen. Fordyce, Plymouth.	John A. Macdonald, Montreal.
Lt.-Gen. Sir John Gordon, K.C.	Dr. W. H. Macdonald, An-
B., London.	tigonish.
Rev. D. M. Gordon, Kingston.	H. F. Macdonald, Antigonish.
Admiral Jas. Hay, Aberdeen.	Lt.-Gen. MacKenzie, Perth.
Major-Gen. R. Murray, War	D. Pottinger, Moncton.
Office, London.	A. Shearer, Chicago.
Thomas Fysche, Montreal.	W. Stevenson, New York.
John M. Smith, Vancouver.	

Members who having attained the age of 60 years, and having paid ordinary dues for 20 years, were by rule of the Society entitled to Honorary Membership and exempted from further payments :

William Grant	Duncan Grant
Hon. Wm. Ross	Archibald Lockhart
Archibald Miller	John Watson

FUNDS

FUNDS

1st YEAR.

1768.

CASH IN THE BOX

30th November, 1768 — £6 12 8

Halifax Currency.

50th YEAR.

1818.

INVESTED FUNDS

30th November, 1818 — £500 0 0

Halifax Currency.

CENTENARY YEAR.

1868.

INVESTED FUNDS

26th March, 1868 — \$6,649.93.

125th YEAR.

1893.

INVESTED FUNDS, per Treasurer's Statement,
5th November, 1893 — \$21,741.65,

135th YEAR.

1903.

Stocks, Bonds and Cash, per Treasurer's Statement,
30th November, 1903 — \$24,756.15.

**An Act to Incorporate the North British Society, in
Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

(Passed the 24th day of March, 1856.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. The following persons, that is to say:—Peter Ross, John Taylor, William Annand, William Murray, John Watt, William B. Smellie, and John B. Campbell, and all such other persons as now are or hereafter shall become members of the Society, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name of “THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.”

2. The Rules of the Society, adopted on the seventh day of November, 1833, are hereby declared legal and binding, and the Corporation is empowered to collect all monies and arrears due thereunder.

3. The personal property, debts and effects now belonging to the Society, are vested in the Corporation, and the Corporation is empowered to invest its funds to such extent and in such way as it shall think fit.

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP,

IN CONNECTION WITH DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

"That the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated annually from the funds of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY for a Scholarship in connection with Dalhousie College, as a permanent commemoration of the Centenary of the Society, subject to the following conditions:

"1st. That the holder of it be a person eligible to be a member of the Society.

"2nd. That the Scholarship be held during the third and fourth years of his undergraduate course.

"3rd. That it be competed for at the end of his second year course, and that the first competition take place at the end of the present session, and that the examiners be always appointed by the Senate.

"4th. The money to be paid on the certificate from the Principal of Dalhousie College.

"5th. Any year when no competitor has presented himself, the money for that year to remain in the hands of the Society, but the Scholarship to be again open for competition on the following year, subject to the foregoing resolutions."

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF THE

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,

SINCE ITS INSTITUTION IN 1768
TO 30th NOVEMBER, 1903.

1768.

John Taylor
John Gillespie
William Scott
William McLellan
Thomas McLellan
Robert Killo
James Clark
Walter Harkness
John Geddes
Daniel Morrison
James Thomson
John McRae
William Luke
John Fraser

1769.

Post Capt. Geo. Elliott, R.N.

1770.

Peter McNab

1771.

John Patterson

1772.

James Sutherland

1773.

Robert Gillespie

1774.

Major Andrew M'Donald,
59th Regt.
Alexander Thomson
Robert Campbell

William Allen
Alexander Ross
Robert McGowan

1777.

James Dickson
John Miller
John Ratrie
John Mowatt
Alex. Brymer
James Black
William Bowie

1778.

Lieut. M. Hyndman, R. N.
Wm. Hogg

1779.

Robert Nisbet

1780.

Patrick M'Master
Andrew McGill
Andrew Thomson
Michael Wallace
Charles Adams

1782.

Alexander Green
John Bremner
George Grant
Dr. John Halliburton
George Smith
William Shand
William Cater
James Veitch
Richard Kidston

James Deelman
Alexander Copeland
Robert Burns
James Strachan
William Hogg
Alexander Anderson

1783.

William Gibbon
James Hunter
Robert Geddes
Charles Geddes
William Lyon
Robert Lyon
Peter Lennox
John Ritchie
George M'Crae
William Davidson
Thomas Manson
George Gunn

1784.

Anthony Stewart
William Campbell
Rev. Thos. Russell
Daniel M'Master
James Benvie
Jas. Gilchrist
David Ferguson
William Gordon
James Wallace
William Forsyth
Peter Wemeys
Dr. Duncan Clark
George Rodgers
Alex. McDonald

1785.

John Cannel
Donald M'Lean
Robert Buchanan
John Leckie
Andrew Liddell
Alexander M'Donald
John Patterson
Peter Smith
Thomas Gordon
Thomas Robertson
William Annand

1786.

William Duffus
Andrew Gray
John M'Kie

John Anderson
James Ewing
James Alexander
Wm. Vietch
George M'Intosh
Peter Muir
Robert Killo

1787.

Adam Fife
Dunbar Sloan
James Johnston
Alexander Bremner
Duncan Grant
William Kidston
Rev. Dr. Andrew Brown
Alex. Clunas

1788.

Alex. Brymer, Jr.
James Stewart
James Fraser
Alex. Abercromby
Roderick McKay
Alexander Willis
Charles Handyside
John Irvin

1789.

David Hall
John Hall
John Grant
John M'Kenzie

1790.

William Smith
James Forbes
James Forman
George Grassie
James Stewart (2)
Andrew Cumming

1791.

Alexander Morrison
John Hunter
John Ross
Archibald Ferguson
Wm. Thompson
Colin Campbell
John Morton

1792.

Alexander Izatt
Archibald Wilson

Winckworth Allan
George Glennie
Admiral Murray

1793.

John Stewart
James Geddes
Wm. Forsyth (2)
Wm. Grigor
Thomas McKenzie
John Stuart
David Brown
Lieut. John Fraser
Lieut. Alexander Sutherland
Capt. Ken. M'Donald
Lieut. Donald Campbell,
John Black
James Thom
John Thompson
John Taylor
Duncan Brown

1794.

Alexander Patillo
James Donaldson
Thomas Donaldson
Robert Milne
James Kidston
William Findley
Robert Ferguson

1795.

William Eddy
Thomas Russell
Peter Robb
Kenneth M'Kenzie
John Lenox
William Bremner
James Mills
William Gauld
William Paterson
Alexander M'Lean

1796.

James Wiseman
John Walker
Alexander Fraser
James Sharp
Alexander Barnett
Alexander Halkett
James Munn
Rev. Dr. Arch. Gray
Matthew Richardson
James Smith

James Romans
James Pirnie

1797.

Robert Nicoll
James Frame
John Gauld
James Barron
John M'Alpine
Duncan M'Queen
Peter M'Nab
John M'Nab

1798.

Donald Munro
Alexander Phillips
Alexander Melvin
Thomas Neilson
Thomas Richardson
Alex. M'Dougall
Alexander Fraesr

1799.

John Hay
Hugh M'Donald
Donald Fraser
William Robertson
John Wilson
Thomas Buchanan
Duncan M'Pherson
John Livingston
Alex. Mitchell
George Donaldson
Hon. James Grant
Hugh Ritchie

1800.

William Strachan
John M'Naughton

1801.

James Fergus
Alexander Brown
David Shepherd
Thomas Moir

1802.

John Liddell
James Grant

1803.

William Bowie

1804.

Archibald M'Coll

1805.

David Ferrie
Wm. G. Forsyth
John Livingstone

1807.

James Donaldson (2)
Alexander Smith
John Ritchie
John Simpson
John Black, Jr.
John Tedford

1808.

Alexander Fiddes
Thomas Mudie
John Henry
Daniel Sutherland
William Bremner

1809.

John Barron
John Buchan
George Mitchell
William Strachan, Jr.

1810.

Richard Kidston, Jr.
William Kidston, Jr.
John Clark
Michael M'Naughton
James Bain
David Muirhead
Samuel Thompson
John Henderson
Richard Scott
James Scott
John Tulles

1812.

James Russell
George N. Russell
John Farquharson
James Gordon

1813.

William Murray
Henry Ford
Archibald M'Donald
Patrick Ross
William Daling
David Dundas
James Hogg
Alexander Grant
Daniel Grant
James Grant

1814.

Duncan M'Coll
James Leishman
John M'Pherson
Thomas Gentles
James McNab
John Scobie
Stewart Wallace
John Roy
Adam Ross
John Munro
Duncan M'Farlane
John Fraser
Andrew Mills
Alexander May

1815.

George Muirhead
Charles Dunbrack
Robert Field
James Donaldson (3)
Andrew Nisbit
George Innis
Peter M'Nab
William Scott
David Walker
James M'Cormack
Dunbar D. Stewart
Robert Bremner
James Deelman (2)
Alexander Murdoch

1816.

Dr. William Petrie
Duncan M'Queen
John Young
Archibald Sinclair
Alexander Primrose
Matthew Forrester
Alexander Stewart

1817.

Robert M. Brown
Peter Donaldson
Alex. Malcom
Thomas Muirhead
Alexander Sim
George Hamilton
Hector M'Donald (1)
Hector M'Donald (2)
James Johnston
Colin Wilson
George Craigen
Alexander Boyd

1818.

Hon. B. Halliburton
S. G. W. Archibald, Esq.
Robert F. Bigby
Joseph Mundell

1819.

Charles Gray
John Boyd
James Forman, Jr.
Robert Duncan
Adam Esson
Donald M'Lennan
James Ross
James Fraser, Jr.
James Forrester

1820.

John M'Kenzie
John M'Lean
Duncan Black
William Wallace
Allan M'Donald
Thomas Laidlaw
Thomas C. Allan
David Johnston
David Henderson
Alex. A. Ferguson
Samuel Mitnell

1821.

John Forman
John Fraser
Hunter St. Andrews
James Cruikshanks
Wm. B. Robertson

1822.

Andrew D. Russell
Robert Noble
Alexander Keith
Edward Wallace
Hector M'Lennan
Andrew Mitchell

1823.

William Sutherland
Alexander M'Leod
John Strachan
James Dechman (3)
John Lyle
Rev. John Martin

1824.

John M'Kenzie, (2)
Charles Coventree

John Fraser, (2)
Andrew Crawford
George Little
James Pettigrew
John M'Neil
Charles Alexander
Robert Robertson
Alex. Ross
Dr. John Stirling

1825.

C. H. Fife
John Robb
James Thomson
James F. Gray
Wm. Kandick
David S. Spence

1826.

James Purvis
Wm. Young
Thomas Forman
Charles D. Archibald
George R. Young
James D. Fraser
Robert Romans
Wm. Gossip
C. Brodie
Thomas Williamson
John W. C. Brown

1827,

John Richardson
William Crawford
Peter Manson
William Mills
James Lessel
James Findley
John Farquhar
Alexander Barry

1828.

Peter Grant
Adam Reid
William Grant
William Murdoch
George Thompson
Daniel M'Kay
Rev. John Scott
Walter Robb

1829.

Andrew M'Kinlay
James Thomson, (2)
John Watt

John Fraser, (3)
James Nichol

1830.

Wm. Mills
Rev. Thos. Aitken
Angus Fraser
James Malcom
Robert Downs
Wm. G. Anderson

1831.

Alex. Paul
Alex. Ross, (2)
Robert Bigby
John Forrest
Robert D. Clarke
Rev. James Morrison
Alex. Smith, (2)
Wm. Murray

1832.

Thomas Cummings
James Anderson
David S. Sutherland
James Reid
George Barton
Hugh Anderson
John A. Mann
John Mackintosh
Alex. Duff
James Murdoch
Hugh Campbell
Alex. Davidson
Charles W. Wallace
Wm. F. Black
John Esson
Wm. M'Kay
Alexander Henry
Robert Wilson
John Gibson
Alex. M'Nab
John M'Nab
Neil M'Vicar
Joseph Robinson

1833.

Winnie Johnston
James M'Donald
James Grant
John Brander
John M'Kay
John M'Intosh
Hon. Alexander Stewart
Alexander M'Kenzie

Wm. A. M'Aggy
James Lockerby
Alexander Troup
Daniel M'Lean
David Stevens
Alexander Hendry
William Gerrad
William Grieve
William Robertson
John G. M'Kenzie
Wm. Scott
David Calder

1834.

John Leitch
James Flockhart, Jr.
Rev. Alex. Romans
Andrew Oswald
George Esson
James Humphrey
James Irons
Daniel M'Ivor
Gilbert Elliott
George Nicoll
John M'Leod
Alex. Carson
John Rhind
James Crawford

1835.

James Fraser
Thomas Elliott
Robert M'Hannay
Alex. Stewart
James Irons, Jr.
Wm. Bauld
John Oal
John Forbes

1836.

John M'Pherson
Alex. G. Fraser
Adam Black
George Henderson
Robert Mitchell
Lawrence M'Lean
Neil M'Quarrie
William M'Kinlay
Wm. B. Stephenson
Winkworth Allan
Allan Campbell
Donald M'Kay
John Gordon

1837.

William Donald
David Walker
William Donaldson
Jacob Currie
Alex. Fraser
Rev. James M'Intosh
Edward Craigen
Thomas Humphrey
John M'Gregor
Joseph G. Ross
John U. Ross

1838.

James McKenzie
Alexander Bain
Donald Murray
John Grant
Robert MacDonald
Andrew Richardson
Samuel Gray
William Campbell
Anthony Inglis
Alex. Rhind
George M'Kenzie
Dr. A. Sawers
John Watson
John C. Haliburton

1839.

John Munro (2)
George P. Mitchell
John M'Leod
Hugh Munro
Thomas Rhind

1840.

William Fraser
Donald M'Kenzie
George G. Gray
Donald Sutherland
Thomas Hutchison
John M'Dougall
James Swan
Duncan Patterson
David Rugg
Wm. F. Reid
David M'Ainsh
Joseph A. Sievwright
Alex. Strachan
John M'Ilreith
Alex. Stephen
Peter Imlay
John Jamieson
Samuel B. Smith

1841.

Maurices M'Ilreith
Francis Downs
Alex. S. Reid
Wm. Forrest
James Cameron
James Cameron, Jr.
Robert Kerr
James C. Hume, M.D.
Wm. Craig
John M'Donald
Andrew Wilson
James Barron
John Wilson
Henry Gibson

1842.

Wm. Hutcheson
Hugh Morton
Nicholas Vass
Wm. Grant, Jr.
Wm. Finlay
Rev. Wm. Duff
Archibald Parks

1843.

Henry Watson
Adam Hunter
Wm. M'Kay, (2)
George Wilson
Wm. Clarke
Alex. M'Donald
John Cormack
Robert D. Clarke
Robert Lindsay
Robert Forrest
Robert G. Noble
Robert Balfour
Henry Taylor
Daniel Thompson

1844.

Wm. Stevens
Charles Hamilton
Wm. Robb
James Williamson
Neil Rankin
Alex. M'Lean
Wm. Kandick

1845.

Robert Boak
Wm. Boak
John Lithgow
James M'Kie

James Price
 Angus M'Lean
 Wm. Thompson
 Wm. Campbell
 Henry B. Reid
 James Grieve
 James Gordon
 John A. Sinclair
 Wm. Crawford, Jr.
 Robert G. Fraser
 Wm. Jamieson
 Alex. M'Kay
 Alex. Taylor
 Alex. M'Pherson
 Donald Sutherland
 James Mitchell
 Errol Boyd
 James Rhind
 James Reeves
 George Barron
 Jos. Robertson
 John Mackintosh

1846.

John Wilson
 Wm. Laidlaw
 Wm. Woods
 David Smith
 Wm. Wilson
 Wm. Kerr
 Philip Peebles
 Alex. Ogsten
 Thomas Bayne
 Daniel M'Pherson
 Thomas Cummings
 Peter Ross
 James Hutton
 John A. Moir
 Arthur M'Leod
 Wm. M'Lean
 Wm. A. Hesson
 Stuart Macdonald
 Duncan Grant
 Alex. Taylor
 Wm. Hutcheson, Jr.
 James Scott
 Wm. Grant, (3)

1847.

James Kennedy
 George Webster
 John M'Pherson
 Samuel Noble
 James Fraser
 Charles W. Dickson
 James Wilkie

David Ross
 George Anderson
 John Younnie
 Archibald Sinclair, Jr
 John Taylor
 Daniel Thom
 James Knight
 John Murdoch
 John Doull
 Alex. Dow

1848.

John Watson
 Wm. Stewart
 Wm. Findlay
 Andrew M'Nab
 Thomas M'Kie
 James Walters
 David C. Noble
 Wm. M. Campbell
 Charles M'Queen
 Robert W. Fraser
 George A. Flowers
 George Buist
 John Costley
 John Weir
 James Romans

1849.

John Kandick
 Wm. Fraser
 John M'Leod
 James Rhind, Jr.
 Andrew Barton
 Bryce Gray
 Robert J. Mills
 Rev. Alexander Forrester
 Tristram Halliday
 Robert Munro
 Wm. Penny
 George Ross
 Wm. Smith

1850.

Hugh Fraser
 William Finlay
 William Blythe
 Duncan M'Millan

1851.

David Stirling
 James Watt
 Alexander J. Nairn
 George Gordon
 James Riddell
 James W. Shirras
 Alexander Fraser

1852.

Patrick Graham
 William Rhind
 James Hunter
 James Thompson, (4)
 John McCulloch

1853.

William Miller
 Alexander Henderson
 John Laidlaw
 William Murray
 John Sinclair
 James Findlay
 William Farquharson
 Alexander Fraser
 Rev. G. W. Sprott
 Alexander McKay
 William Wilson
 James Irons
 George Inness
 Duncan McQueen
 John C. Drummond
 Alexander McDonald

1854.

James J. Bremner
 James Wilson, Jr.
 Wm. Sutherland
 Charles Lyle
 Robert Spiers
 W. S. Forman
 James Parker
 Donald Fraser
 Charles H. Sinclair
 John A. Johnston
 Wm. A. Grant
 Wm. Currie
 Peter Jack
 James Wallace

1855.

David Ross
 R. J. Romans
 Thomas Hume
 James Blair
 John S. Maclean
 George McKie
 James Monteith

1856.

John P. Muir
 George Maclean
 Hugh Campbell

Andrew K. Mackinlay

John Mackenzie
 John Fraser
 Robert Fraser
 John B. Campbell
 William F. Grant
 John Watson
 John C. Mackenzie
 William B. Smellie
 John B. Macdonald
 George Alexander
 Thomas Annand
 R. G. Haliourton

1857.

John Muir
 James Kerr
 James Hunter
 George Fraser
 Robert Bauld
 Adam Burns
 James Fraser
 Peter Scott

1858.

Robert Penton
 John Campbell
 J. Scott Hutton
 Wm. Fraser

1859.

Jas. C. Mackintosh
 George R. Anderson
 Robert Urquhart
 David Crawford
 Robert Gray
 William Henry
 Andrew Wallace
 Robert Muirhead

1860.

Henry W. Fish
 John Drillio
 Wm. Mason
 Donald Ross
 John Davidson
 Alex. McLeod, (2nd)
 Dr. W. H. Davies
 Dr. Cowie
 John W. Fraser
 James Malcom
 James Romans

1861.

James S. Macdonald
 James Mackintosh

1862.

E. M. Macdonald
John Macdonald
John H. Johnston
John McKay
Alexander McKenzie
William Murray, (2)

1863.

Robert Brechin
George Porter
Neil Wier
Henry Inglis
Donald Fraser
James Fraser

1864.

Charles Graham
James Steinson
Adam McKay
Hon. James McDonald
Hugh Murray
Rev. George M. Grant

1865.

John McDonald

1866.

Robert T. Muir
Thomas S. Reid
John Crook
James Maccoush
Benjamin A. Taylor
George McGregor
Rev. Charles McDonald

1867.

William A. McLeod
Angus McLeod
Alexander McDonald
Simon D. Macdonald
Hugh Munro
John McNeil
James White
John Sutherland
William Johnson
Robert Moyce
Duncan Campbell
John N. Grant
Dr. Sutherland
Rev. Charles M. Grant
Douglas Macleod

1868.

Donald G. Keith
Hon. Robt. Robertson
Charles H. Sinclair
W. O. Adams
Alexander Sutherland
William McKerron
William Montgomery
Donald Keith
James McEwan
W. H. Bauld
Alexander Moir
Professor Lawson
George Taylor
Charles Taylor
John B. Young
John McKenzie
Joseph D. McNab
David King
John McNab
Sandford Fleming
Alexander W. McLeod
Peter Grant
Alex. Finnie
William Hedley
John T. McAlpine
James Goldie
Edward Morrison
William Nisbet
William Bauld
Geo. Mitchel
Robt. Taylor
George Thomson
John B. Gray
James C. Robertson
Joseph Outram, Sr.
Joseph Outram, Jr.
Dr. T. R. Fraser
Robert Malcom, Jr.

1869.

Jas. A. Grant
E. H. Reeves
Donald Scott
Andrew Leitch
A. B. Aylmour
Rev. John Campbell
Walter McFarlane
Hon. William Garvie
Jas. Godfrey Smith

1870.

Robert Baxter
Jas. Reeves, Jr.

John McCulloch
Charles W. Anderson
Wilby. C. Anderson
Robert Brunton
Rev. J. Fraser Campbell

1871.

W. Myers Gray
W. C. Menzies
John Smith
J. Brenton Gordon
Donald Reid
Chas. Sutherland
Robt. Scott
William Hood
Howard McLean
Robt. W. Macdonald
John Donald
Dr. A. P. Reid
Saml. Crawford
G. H. Middleton
George H. Taylor
Thos. H. Mitchell
John Ewing
W. Bishop
Geo. W. J. Clarke
A. W. McNab
John Muir
William Taylor
A. F. Muir
John Cormack
John D. Mackintosh
Angus G. McDonald
Andrew Dewar
H. Porteous
Dr. Gordon
Archd. Miller
W. A. Hendry
John Campbell
John McInnes
James Harold
John Hunter
Jas. Hutton, Jr.
Robert Cunningham
John Cairns
Wm. Johnstone

1872.

Angus Ross
Robert Wilkie
W. Henderson
William Ellis
James Cormack
James Anderson

William Reid
Thomas Cameron

1873.

James Farquhar
Gibson Anderson
John Hutton
Alex. Forrest
MacCallum Grant
George Ross
Gilbert Munro
Alex. Stephen, Jr.
Murdoch M. Lindsay
J. S. MacKay
Robt. Mackintosh
Chas. J. Macdonald
E. C. Davies
Sherb. Waddell
J. J. Stewart
Jas. M. McKay
John Johnson
Alex. Fleming
Alex. McDougall
Robt. Sedgewick
Robt. Robinson
David Pottinger
J. Patterson
Lydiard Mackintosh
James McGregor
Donald Scott
Wm. B. Fay
J. Scott Mitchell
Wm. M. Allen
Luke Hamilton
John McCrow
Donald Robb
Duncan McDougall
Wm. More
John C. Fraser
Kenneth Matheson
John Forbes
James Fraser
Alexander Sherar
Lachlan McDonald
Thomas Wasson
Archibald Mitchell
Alex. Taylor
Wallace E. Harrington
D. K. Lowden
Salter Noble
John Grant, Jr.
Frederick Mitchell
David Black
George Stenhouse
Chas. F. Reynolds

1874.

Walter Fairbairn
 William Cunningham
 D. H. Duncan
 Frank Morrison
 Wm. McDonald
 R. T. Braine
 J. H. McDaniel
 Evan Morrison
 George Morrison
 John Wilson
 Alex. Bremner
 J. McLennan
 A. C. Mitchell
 Charles Grant
 Frank Graham
 John McKenzie
 Wm. Thompson
 Isaac Murray
 James B. Forgan
 Andrew McDonald
 John Cameron
 James Esson
 George S. Campbell
 John Taylor
 D. L. Stewart
 Robt. Esson
 James S. Scott
 James G. Fraser
 Howard C. Evans
 Alex. Grant
 John Wilson
 Dr. Wm. M. Cameron
 J. R. Gordon
 John H. Anderson

1875.

Alex. M. Scott
 John Sutherland
 John R. Murray
 Henry McKenzie
 Norman Sinclair
 Robert A. Brims
 John Campbell
 Hon. Wm. Ross
 Andrew Grant
 Alex. A. Turnbull
 James Halliday
 John Jack
 George Taylor
 James Fraser
 Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.
 Neil C. Duff
 Henry Kennedy
 George Grant
 J. R. McDonald

Proposed Annual Meeting,
 1873.

John McLeod
 Robert Fairgrieve
 J. M. Robinson
 Thos. Fyshe
 Henry J. Esson
 C. Fred Fraser
 Alex. W. McDonald
 A. McKay

1876.

John Lyle
 J. McG. Stewart
 Wm. Knight
 Charles Ross
 John Cameron
 John McLachlin

1877.

Robt. B. Baxter
 J. M. Patterson
 Wm. McDonald
 James R. Fraser
 Lieut. Norman H. Leckie, 97th
 Regt.
 Roderick McDonald, I.C.R.
 Alex. Walker
 James Fraser
 Rev. Thos. Duncan
 Thos. Grant
 Jas. Yeoman

1878.

John Murray
 Geo. Cunningham
 Donald Munro
 Jas. Jack
 John Brunton
 John Dewar
 Thos. Wilson
 Gen. Sir Patrick L. Macdougall
 Col. A. S. Cameron, V.C., 26th
 Cameronians.
 Rev. Robt. Laing

1879.

John S. Dodd
 Israel M. Ross
 J. M. Chisholm
 Alex. Ramsay
 Jas. Morrison

1880.

John McKay
 Joseph Seeton
 Neil Matheson
 David Mitchell

Albert E. Thomson
Daniel McDonald
A. D. McLennan
Jas. Miller
John Strachan
Rev. A. Simpson

1881.

Prof. J. G. McGregor
J. S. Potter
Archibald Lockhart
D. Chisholm
John A. Matheson
Jas. H. McDonald
Alex. Gunn
Hugh McKenzie
D. McDonald
Jas. Robertson
Alex. Macdonald

1882.

John McLean
Jas. McIntosh
Col. Wilsone Black, Staff
J. A. Turnbull
Alex. Grant
Dr. George M. Campbell
Adam Stephens
Thos. McDonald
Jas. Hendry
Jas. Prentice
W. L. Piteathly

1883.

John Taylor
Thos. Duncanson
A. M. Fraser
J. B. Paton
W. H. Cameron
Geo. Fraser
Rev. John Forrest, D.D.
Alex. Robertson
Murdoch McRae
D. Forgan
John Ferguson
Wm. Stevenson
Thos. Murray

1884.

H. H. Grant
Jas. Macgregor
Jas. Allardice

1885.

Arthur B. Mitchell
F. G. Forbes

John B. McLean
Thos. Service
J. B. Todd
Jas. Grant
Duncan Grant
H. D. McKenzie
Jas. A. Gass
N. E. McKay, M.D.
Donald Archibald

1886.

J. A. Sedgewick
David McDonald
John Bremner
John H. MacKay
Henry Pope MacDonald
Jas. Anderson
H. B. Outram
Hugh Montgomerie

1887.

W. J. Nisbet
D. C. Gillis
John Baird
Arthur Drysdale
Prof. Jas. Seth
J. S. Chisholm
W. Mason

1888.

F. McLeod
Angus S. Murray
Prof. Howard Murray
Geo. McLeod
D. C. Fraser

1889.

Rev. D. M. Gordon, D.D.
Wm. Taylor
Hector McInnes
Adams A. MacKay

1890.

Robt. MacIntyre
Jas. Fraser
Alfred Costley
Wallace McDonald
Edward F. Smith
Alex. Keith
A. H. MacKay
J. A. Chisholm
E. M. Walker

1891.

W. D. Cameron
Chas. D. Macdonald

Rod. McColl
Rev. Thos. Fowler

1892.

Daniel Budge
J. McKinnon

1893.

Walter C. Murray
A. D. Hewat

1894.

Geo. E. Boak
C. D. Murray, M.D.
Murdoch Chisholm, M.D.
Jacob Johnson
Jas. Ross, M.D.

1895.

Andrew B. Boak
Dr. W. M. Cameron
B. D. Bruce
John Mackintosh (2)
A. And. Bayne
D. H. Campbell
H. W. MacKintosh
Robt. Brims
Chas. D. Fraser
Wm. Parker
D. McLellan
Chas. H. Bayne
C. J. McKie
James E. Roy
James Ireland
Jas. E. Gass
D. A. King
Jas. Imrie
W. G. Cattanach
E. J. Macdonald
Hon. Dan. McNeil
J. S. Webster
J. W. H. Cameron
Jas. Grant
Duncan J. Grant
C. B. Burns
Jas. Fearon
W. L. Bishop
Dr. W. F. Smith
W. H. Huggins
Jas. Campbell
David Johnston
Arch. T. Miller
Rev. J. S. Black, D.D.

1896.

Major Clarke
Joseph Wood, Sr.

Joseph Wood, Jr.
H. C. McCallum
Col. J. D. Irving
Dr. F. Gow
F. W. Page
Colin Macnab
John A. Macdonald
Stephen Mitchell
Hon. G. H. Murray
Jas. D. Ritchie
Alex. McKenzie
Geo. Frank Macdonald
Donald Sutherland
Dougal McLachlan

1897.

H. B. Clarke
N. F. Cunningham
D. McPherson Grant
Ebenezer McKay

1898.

J. H. Hughill
W. H. Bauld
Capt. S. R. Hill
Jas. Taylor
Capt. J. M. Allen
Jas. Hall
Wm. Fraser

1899.

F. Webster
Thos. Mitchell
S. W. Mabow
F. Simson
G. H. McKenzie
J. D. Macdonald

1900.

W. G. Robertson
Thos. Payne
R. Norman
W. R. McInness
W. Chisholm
W. F. McPhie

1901.

A. D. McRae
J. Adams
E. Coffin
R. R. Murray

1902.

W. L. Kane
 C. D. McAlpine
 E. J. Ross
 John Brunton
 John C. Calder
 Jas. Farquhar
 Gordon Scott
 W. R. Shute
 Chas. E. MacLaggan
 John W. McKenzie

1903.

M. McHall
 Henry A. Macdonald
 D. F. Matheson
 E. S. Blackie
 W. S. Gray
 S. G. Wilson
 Stanley Miller
 Geo. Anderson
 F. M. Anderson
 John J. Webster
 Frank L. Stephen
 David Colquhoun
 John Stewart, M.D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

1786.

Col. Thomas Dundas
 Major Hugh M. Gordon
 Peter Hunter, Esq
 Hon. Henry Duncan

1788.

General James Ogilvie
 Major Scott, R. A.
 Major Thompson, 57th Regt.
 Sir Thos. Andrew Strange
 Dr. Snipe, H.M.S. *Rattler*

1791.

Francis Hunter

1792.

Capt. Duncan Campbell, R.N.
 Admiral Murray
 Titus Levi, Esq.

1797.

Capt. H. Mowatt, R.N.
 Capt. Wm. Taylor
 Lieut. John Scott, R.N.
 Wm. Chalmers
 Dr. Jamieson

1798.

Simon Fraser, Esq.

1799.

Capt. Skeine

1802.

Admiral Sir A. Mitchell, K.B.
 Capt. Oughton, R.N.
 Alex. Green, Esq.
 Admiral Douglas
 Sir Robert Laurie

1805.

Robt. Ferguson
 Edward Mortimer
 William Bannerman

1808.

Geo. Robertson

1813.

John Moffat

1817.

Lt. James Duffus, R.N.
 Andrew Moffat (Antigua)
 William Leslie (New York)

1818.

Rev. Donald A. Fraser

1820.

Mr. Archibald McNiven
Rev. Colin P. Grant

1824.

John Forman

1825.

Capt. Houston Stewart, H. M.
S. *Menai*
Capt. C. Fitzroy M'Lean, 81st
Regt.
Duncan M'Coll
Capt. Archibald Stewart, Rifle
Brigade.

1826.

Hugh McDonald
Duncan Black

1828.

Francis Athol, Master Mariner

1829.

Lt.-Col. D. McDougall, I. F.O.
of Militia

1830.

Charles Brodie
C. D. Archibald
Chas. Coventree, Master Mar-
iner

1831.

Lt.-Col. Marshall, I.F.O. of
Militia
Hugh Lyle, Master Mariner
Alex. M'Gill

1832.

Jas. McDonald, Master Mar-
iner
Lt. Edward. Stewart, R.N.
Lt. James Stewart, 74th Regt.
Dr. Colin Allan, Medical Staff
Jas. Flockhart, Master Mar-
iner
Wm. Stevenson, do.
Alex. Henderson, do.

1833.

Hugh McDonald (Antigonish)
Alex. Farquharson (Dartm'th)

1836.

Matt. McKenna, Mast. Mariner
Alexander Duff.
Walter Robb
Dr. McDonald, R. A.
Capt. Pringle, R. A.

1837.

Lt.-Col. Hon. H. Dundas
Robert McIntosh
Edw. Birchen, Master Mariner

1838.

Lt.-Col. McGregor	} 93rd Highlanders.
Major Arthur	
Lieut. Neilson	
" Dundas	
" Buchanan	
" Agnew	
" Gordon	
Doctor Campbell	
Dr. Robertson, Staff	

1839.

Hugh Lyle, jr., Mast. Mariner
James. Forman, jr.

1840.

Duncan McFarlane
Wm. Annand
Hugh H. Ross

1841.

James Berwick, Master Mar-
iner
J. Fraser, (Cape Breton)
Alexander Fiddes

1842.

V. Admiral Sir C. Adam

1844.

Capt. John Taylor

1846.

Alex. Barron, Master Mariner
Forbes Black (Margaret's
Bay)
Dr. McDonald (Dartmouth)
Doctor H. McDonald (Mait-
land)

1847.

Francis Munro (Margaret's
Bay)

Neil Rankine
 George McKenzie (Master
 Mariner
 D. Grant (Antigonish)
 Chas. Anderson (Musquodoboit)
 Robert Grant (Margaret's Bay)
 John. Fraser, Master Mariner
 David Falconer (Dartmouth)

1848.

Maj. Robertson, 82nd Regt.
 H. Cameron (Pictou)

1849.

Murdoch Smith (Cape Breton)
 George A. Currie (Margaret's Bay)

1850.

Ronald Currie (Margaret's Bay)
 Alex. Cameron
 Robt. Innes
 Robt. Waddell

1851.

Duncan Waddell
 David Rugg
 Wm. Beverley
 Dr. W. Reid, H.M.S. *Cumberland*
 Quarter-Master McPherson
 Roderick H. Fraser (Dartmouth)

1852.

David Patterson

1853.

John Cameron (Antigonish)
 Alex. Scott (Glasgow)
 Rt. Hon. Earl Ellesmere
 Capt. J. A. Gore, 71st Regt.

1854.

John Christie (Cape Breton)
 Capt. James Griffin

1855.

Alex. Stephen
 T. Simpson (England)

1856.

Sergt.-Maj. Jno. Campbell
 Alexander Fraser
 Alexander McPhee
 Capt. Johnson
 Duncan McDonald
 Donald H. Green

1857.

David Johnson
 John Blackie
 Spencer Sutherland
 Capt. J. C. Dalrymple Hay,
 H. M. S. *Indus*

1858.

Geo. Laing
 David Hunter
 J. N. Ross

1859.

William Murray, Sen. (Sydney Mines)
 William Miller, London
 Dr. David Petrie
 John MacGregor (Little Bras d'Or)
 Jas. Matheson (Sydney)

1860.

Malcom McDougall (Christmas Island, Cape Breton)

1861.

Alex. Macdonald
 James Davy

1863.

W. S. More, North-West Arm

1865.

Vice-Admiral Sir Jas. Hope,
 K.C.B.
 John Drillio, Maitland

1867.

John Crerar (Pictou)

1868.

Robert Forman
 D. Kennedy, Vocalist
 Dr. Robert Collins, Staff
 W. J. Fraser

1870.

Lt.-Col. McKenzie, 78th High-
Highlanders

1871.

<p>Capt. Coll Graham Capt. C. McKenzie Lt. E. G. Callander Capt. Murray Capt. Finlay Capt. Stewart Lt. Fordyce Mr. McElheney Band Master 78th Highlanders. Capt. Jamieson John Crook Sir Hugh Allan Hon. Charles J. Campbell</p>	<p>} 78th Highlanders.</p>
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1872.

Prof. Lawson
John Herdman

1873.

<p>Robert Robertson Lt.-Col. C. Gordon Maj. D. Farquharson Major F. D. Dundas Lieut. E. L. Fraser Lt. A. Mitchell Innes</p>	<p>} 60th Rifles.</p>
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1875.

Alex. McKay, M.P.P., W. River,
Pictou
Hugh J. Cameron, M.P.P., New
Glasgow

1876.

Rev. John Campbell (Edin-
burgh)

1877.

Rev. G. M. Grant (Kingston)
Alex. Shearér (Annapolis)

1878.

Frank Morrison
Geo. Hogg (Galashiels)
J. Scott Hutton (Belfast)

1879.

H. F. McDougall
Marquis of Lorne, K. T.

1880.

Jas. B. Forgan (Chicago)
Rev. D. McLeod (Springhill)
Adam Carr Bell, M.P.P. (New
Glasgow)
Duncan Waddell (Dartmouth)

1885.

Neil F. McKay (Pictou)

1887.

Col. Wilsone Black, Staff

1888.

Wm. Stevenson (New Bruns-
wick)
J. Scott Mitchell (Halifax)
W. F. Knight (Halifax)
H. M. MacKay (Perth)

1889.

Lt. Dundas, R.N.
Lt. Murray, R.N.
H. M. S. *Bellerophon*

1890.

Wm. Rhind
F. J. McLeod

1893.

Jas. Scott (Halifax)
D. Pottinger (Moncton)

1894.

Colin Macdonald (Boston)

1895.

David H. Duncan (Halifax)
John M. Smith "
William Grant (the Father of
the Society (Halifax)
John Taylor "
Hon. Wm. Ross "
Pipe-Major Manson

1900.

J. D. McGregor (New Glas-
gow)

1901.

D. A. McCaskill (Montreal)
John Watson (Halifax)
Archd. Lockhart "
Archd. Miller "

PERPETUAL MEMBERS.

1783.	1835.
Hon. Alex. Brymer	Lt.-Gen. Sir Colin Campbell
1784.	1838.
Alex. Thomson	Hugh Lyle
	Thos. Williamson
1796.	1839.
John Bremner	Robert M. Brown
Richard Kidston	
1801.	1841.
Hon. Wm. Forsyth	Alex. Primrose
1804.	1848.
Rt. Hon. Earl of Selkirk	Wm. Murdoch
	Charles Murdoch
1807.	1849.
Hon. Geo. Grant	John Esson
1814.	1851.
Samuel Muirhead	Geo. P. Mitchell
1815.	1853.
Richard Kiaston, Jr.	John McKay
James Ewing, Jr.	John Watt
R. Kidston (Glasgow)	
Wm. Kidston	1859.
1817.	George Esson
Lt.-Gen. the Right Hon. Earl of	Hon. Stanley Brown
Dalhousie	1862.
Matt. Richardson	Peter Ross
John Dempster	
Robert Lyons	1863.
1818.	James Forman
John Walliamson	
Alexander Fraser (Miramichi)	1866.
John Brown	John B. Campbell
1819.	Thos. Bayne
Hon. John Black	Robt. W. Fraser
	John C. Halliburton
1824.	Alexander McLeod
Winkworth Allan (London)	James Thompson, Barrister

Wm. Esson
Alexander Anderson
John A. Sinclair

1867.

Adam Burns
A. K. Doull

1868.

John Gibson

1869.

Robert Noble
Sandford Fleming

1871.

Capt. John Taylor
John Doull

1872.

John S. MacLean

1873.

Peter Grant

1874.

Hon. W. Annand

1875.

Donald Murray

1876.

Wm. Bauld
James Thomson

1877.

Alex. Stephen
Jas. S. Macdonald

1878.

John McNab

1880.

Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.
Thos. S. Reid

1885.

Dr. A. P. Reid

1892.

Jas. Farquhar

1895.

Jas. C. Mackintosh
Kenneth Sutherland
John J. Stewart

1896.

Donald Keith
Andrew Bayne

1899.

Edward Morrison

1900.

Col. Jas. J. Bremner
Col. Chas. J. Macdonald

1902.

Thomas Duncanson

1903.

Robert Sedgewick, Judge

NAMES OF OFFICERS SINCE FORMATION OF SOCIETY.

DATE OF ELECTION.	MODERATOR.	VICE.	STEWARDS.	SECRETARY.
29th March, 1768	John Gillespie	William Allan	Wm. Scott and Thomas McLennan	James Clark.
2nd Nov., 1769	"	"	John Taylor and John McCrae	"
Nov. 1st, 1770	"	"	"	"
Nov. 15th, 1771	"	"	"	"
July 6th, 1772	Peter McNab	"	"	"
Nov. 30th, 1773	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"
Nov. 17th, 1776	William Allan	Alex. Brymer	John McCrae and A. Ross	Robt. McGowan.
"	Alex. Brymer	A. McGill	"	"
Nov. 12th, 1778	"	Peter McNab	"	A. McGill and
Nov. 24th, 1780	"	"	"	And. Thomson.

DATE OF ELECTION.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	STEWARDS.	SECRETARY.
Nov. 7th, 1781	Andrew McGill	And. Thomson	John McCrae and A. Ross	Michael Wallace,
" 26th, 1782	And. Thomson	Michael Wallace	"	Jas. Strachan and Alex. Green.
" R.E.S. 1783	Michael Wallace	Jas. Strachan	"	Robt. Burns and Alex. Copeland.
				Wm. Allan, Treasurer.

DATE OF ELECTION.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	STEWARDS.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.
Nov. 11th, 1784	Anthony Stewart	Geo. Smith	John McCrae	Alex. Ross	'avid Ferguson.
Oct. 24th, 1785	Geo. Smith	Dr. J. Halliburton	John McCrae and A. Ross	"	Wm Lyon, and A. Laddell.

In 1786 under the revised Rules and By-Laws, the election of Office-bearers for ensuing year took place on First Thursday of Nov. and has taken place on that date ever since, the Office-bearers elect entering upon their duties on St. Andrew's Day, 30th Nov. Thus Dr. John Halliburton, elected President for 1787, presided at the Festival of St. Andrew, 1786.

YEAR	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SENR. ASSISTANT.	JUNR. ASSISTANT.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.
1787	Hon. J. Halliburton	Wm. Forsyth	Dr. D. Clark	Thos. Robertson	Alex. Ross	Andrew Liddell.
1788	Hon. Wm Forsyth	Dr. D. Clark	Andrew Liddell	Richard Kidston	"	John Patterson.
1789	Dr. D. Clark	Charles Geddes	Adam Fyfe	John Bremner	"	Alex. Brymer, Jr.
1790	Hon. Alex. Brymer	Michael Wallace	John Bremner	William Lyon	"	William Smith.
1791	Alex Thomson	John Grant	W. Lyon	A. Brymer, Jr.	"	George Grassie.
1792	Hon. John Grant	John Bremner	Wm. Smith	James Forman	John Ross	Winck. Allan.
1793	Hon. James Stewart	Wm. Lyon	David Hall	William Kidston	"	Robert Lyon.
1794	Hon. John Bremner	Alex. Brymer, Jr.	George Grassie	Winek. Allan	"	"
1795	Chief Jus. Strange	Michael Wallace	Dr. D. Clark	John Bremner	"	James Ewing.
1796	Hon. Comp. Duncan	Hon. J. Halliburton	William Smith	Capt. Sutherland	Wm. Kidston	James Thom.
1797	Hon. J. Halliburton	J. Bremner	George Grassie	Robert Lyon	"	James Fraser.
1798	John Bremner	George Grassie	Robert Lyon	M. Richardson	Robert Lyon	John Ross.
1799	George Grassie	William Smith	M. Richardson	James Thom	"	Daniel Fraser.
1800	William Smith	Jas. Forman	Capt. Sutherland	William Annand	"	James Grant.
1801	Jas. Fraser	Jas. Fraser	"	Robert Lyon	"	"
1802	James Forman	William Lyon	Jas. Thom	Robert Lyon	"	James Fraser.
1803	Hon. James Fraser	William Lyon	Jas. Fergus	John Liddell	"	James Forman.
1804	William Lyon	Jas. Thom	John Liddell	Peter Robb	"	Alex. Smith.
1805	James Thom	James Fergus	Peter Robb	Wm. Duffus	"	John Telford.
1806	James Ewing	William Annand	Peter Robb	William Forsyth	"	"
1807	Charles Geddes	William Duffus	Alex. Morrison	James Grant	"	James Telford.
1808	William Duffus	Peter Robb	Wm. Bowie	James Thom	"	Wm. Bremner.
1809	Hon. John Black	John Liddell	James Ewing	John Henry	"	Geo. Mitchell.
1810	John Liddell	Jas. Ewing	James Thom	W. Bowie	"	James Hogg.
1811	James Ewing	Jas. Thom	J. Henry	Richard Kidston	"	James Russell.
1812	James Thom	John Henry	Wm. Bowie	Alex. Fiddes	"	Hector Macdonald.
1813	"	Richard Kidston	James Bain	Henry Ford	"	Jas. Forman, Jr.
1814	James Forman	James Bain	Alex. Fiddes	Wm. Kidston, Jr	James Thom	Duncan Black.
1815	R. Kidston, Jr	James Bain	Duncan McColl	George Mitchell	Geo. Mitchell	A. D. Russell.
1816	"	Wm. Bowie	"	John Dempster	"	Robert Noble.
1817	"	Alexander Fiddes	George Mitchell	Geo. N. Russell	Geo. Mitchell	"
1818	Alexander Fiddes	Duncan McColl	John Dempster	Chas. S. Gray	"	"
1819	Ch. Jus. Halliburton	George Mitchell	Geo. N. Russell	Alexander May	"	"
1820	James Forman	John Dempster	Hon. S. Archibald	James Forman, Jr	"	"
1821	Hon. M. Wallace	Geo. N. Russell	Alex. May	Duncan Black	"	"
1822	Geo. N. Russell	Hon. S. Archibald	Jas. Forman, Jr.	A. D. Russell	"	"
1823	Hon. S. Archibald	Alexander May	Duncan Black	"	"	"
1821	Alex. May	James Forman, Jr.	"	"	"	"

YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SENR. ASSISTANT.	JUNR. ASSISTANT.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.
1825	James Forman, Jr	Duncan Black	A. D. Russell	Robert Noble	Geo. Mitchell	Robert M. Brown.
1826	John Williamson	Robert Noble	R. M. Brown	James F. Gray	A. Mitchell	Samuel Mitchell.
1827	Hon. John Young	Samuel Mitchell	Jas F. Gray	Edward Wallace	"	William Young.
1828	Samuel Mitchell	T. Williamson	Wm. Young	James Purvis	"	George R. Young.
1829	T. Williamson	Wm. Young	James Gray	James F. Gray	"	J. W. C. Brown.
1830	Geo. N. Russell	Robert M. Brown	W. B. Robertson	W. B. Robertson	"	Archd. Sinclair.
1831	Robert M. Brown	Alex. Keith	Robert Romans	Alexander Paul	"	John Watt.
1832	Hon. Alex. Keith	W. B. Robertson	Archd. Sinclair	Wm. Miller	Alex. Fiddes	John Esson.
1833	Robert Romans	Archibald Sinclair	Hugh Campbell	Angus Fraser	"	James Fraser.
1834	Archibald Sinclair	Wm. Murdoch	And. MacKinlay	James Murdoch	John Watt	James Lessel.
1835	Robert Noble	Geo. R. Young	John Esson	Alex. Primrose	"	John McGregor.
1836	Robert Noble	John Munro	Edward Wallace	John Fraser	"	Samuel Gray.
1837	Geo. R. Young	James F. Gray	C. W. Wallace	John McLean	"	Geo. P. Mitchell.
1838	Jas. F. Gray	Alex. Primrose	John Fraser	Robert D. Clarke	"	Alex. McNab.
1839	C. W. Wallace	C. W. Wallace	John McLean	Wm. S. More	"	Donald Murray.
1840	John McLean	John McLean	John McGregor	Samuel Gray	"	James Scott.
1841	Robert D. Clarke	Robert D. Clarke	Hugh Lyle	John McDougall	"	Geo. McKenzie.
1842	John McGregor	John McGregor	Hugh Lyle	Samuel Gray	"	Wm. Grant, Jr.
1843	John Richardson	John Richardson	John McDougall	James C. Hume	"	"
1844	John Richardson	James Thomson	Samuel Gray	John McDougall	"	"
1845	James Thomson	John Esson	George McKenzie	John McDougall	"	"
1846	John Esson	Wm. Murdoch	John Strachan	George Esson	"	"
1847	Wm. Murdoch	Hon. Wm. Young	John Strachan	John Strachan	"	"
1848	Hon. Wm. Young	John McDougall	George Esson	George P. Mitchell	"	"
1849	John McDougall	George McKenzie	John Gibson	Donald Murray	"	"
1850	George McKenzie	John Strachan	Alex. P. Mitchell	Wm. Campbell	"	"
1851	John Strachan	Donald Murray	Alex. Buh	Wm. Campbell	"	"
1852	Donald Murray	Wm. Grant, Sr.	W. M. Campbell	John Doull	"	"
1853	Andrew MacKinlay	Chas. W. Dickson	Wm. Grant, Jr	Wm. M. Campbell	"	"
1854	Charles W. Dickson	George Buist	John A. Sinclair	John Doull	"	"
1855	John Doull	John Doull	Peter Ross	Capt. John Taylor	"	"
1856	George Buist	John Doull	Capt. John Taylor	Wm. Annand	"	"
1857	Peter Ross	Capt. John Taylor	Wm. Annand	Wm. Annand	"	"
1858	Capt. John Taylor	Wm. Annand	Wm. Murray	Alexander Scott.	"	"
1859	W. B. Smellie	J. A. Sinclair	J. B. Campbell	George MacLean	"	"
1860						

YEAR	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SENR. ASSISTANT.	JUNR. ASSISTANT.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.
1861	John A. Sinclair	J. B. Campbell	Geo. MacLean	James Thomson	John Watt	Robert Gray.
1862	Geo. McKenzie	Geo. MacLean	James Hunter	Dr. Davies	"	J. C. Mackintosh.
1863	Dr. W. H. Davies	James Kerr	Dr. Cowie	James Kerr	"	Jas. S. Macdonald.
1864	Capt. John Taylor	John H. Johnson	Geo. Alexander	John H. Johnson	"	"
1865	John S. Maclean	Alex. Stephen	Alex. Stephen	John Taylor	"	Hugh Murray.
1866	John B. Campbell	Alex. Stephen, Sr.	J. C. Mackintosh	James Scott	"	"
1867	Alex. Stephen, Sr.	James Hunter	E. M. Macdonald	Robert Brechin	J. J. Bremner	Jas. S. Macdonald.
1868	Chief Justice Young	James Forman	Capt. J. Taylor	John Doull	"	"
1869	Chas. Murdoch	W. Murray	D. Sterling	Donald Murray	"	"
1870	William Murray	D. Sterling	W. Montgomery	A. McKay	"	"
1871	Donald Murray	Geo. Buist	J. P. Muir	Peter Grant	Geo. Mitchell	Howard Maclean.
1872	Col. Jas. J. Bremner	Jas. S. Macdonald	Donald Keith	Peter Grant	"	J. Godfrey Smith.
1873	Jas. S. Macdonald	John P. Muir	E. M. Macdonald	W. Myers Gray	"	Robt. Sedgewick.
1874	Rev. G. M. Grant, D.D.	E. M. Macdonald	J. C. Mackintosh	J. H. Johnson	"	J. J. Stewart.
1875	Chief Justice Macdonald	Jas. C. Mackintosh	J. H. Johnson	Robt. Sedgewick	"	"
1876	Jas. C. Mackintosh	Hon. Wm. Ross	Robt. Sedgewick	Peter Grant	"	Jas. B. Forgan.
1877	Hon. Wm. Ross	Alex. Stephen, Sr.	Dr. T. R. Fraser	John H. Johnson	"	"
1878	Hon. Robt. Sedgewick	Robt. Sedgewick	John Watson	Dr. A. P. Reid	"	"
1879	Rev. Allan Pollok	Rev. Allan Pollok	Robt. Macdonald	Rod. Macdonald	"	Geo. S. Campbell.
1880	Rev. Allan Pollok, D.D.	Angus McLeod	Dr. W. M. Cameron	Dr. W. M. Cameron	"	J. B. Johnston.
1881	Geo. Mitchell	Dr. W. M. Cameron	G. S. Campbell	Adam Burns	"	"
1882	Jas. S. Macdonald	Joseph Seaton	C. F. Fraser	C. F. Fraser	J. J. Bremner	"
1883	Joseph Seaton	C. F. Fraser	R. Baxter	Ed. Baxter	Geo. Mitchell	"
1884	C. F. Fraser	R. Baxter	J. A. Turnbull	John A. Matheson	"	"
1885	Robert Baxter	J. A. Turnbull	John Forbes	John McInnes	"	H. H. Grant.
1886	Rev. J. Forrest, D.D.	John Forbes	F. G. Forbes	J. G. Smith	"	J. A. Sedgewick.
1887	Dr. Cowie	Wm. Nisbet	Wm. Nisbet	Hugh Murray	"	"
1888	Wm. Nisbet	Geo. S. Campbell	Hugh Murray	Geo. S. Campbell	"	W. J. Nisbet.
1889	George S. Campbell	Donald Archibald	Don. Archibald	Rev. D. W. Gordon	"	Hector McInnes.
1890	Donald Archibald	A. McKay	A. H. McKay	John McInnes	"	J. A. Chisholm.
1891	A. Vackay	A. H. McKay	John McInnes	C. D. Macdonald	"	"
1892	A. Howard	John McInnes	N. E. McKay	A. Drysdale	"	A. A. McKay.
1893	John Forbes	Alex. Stephen, Jr.	J. A. Chisholm	J. G. Smith	"	J. S. Chisholm.
1894	Alex. Stephen, Jr.	J. J. Stewart	W. C. Murray	D. Budge	"	"
1895	Prof. Howard Murray	J. A. Chisholm	Jas. Halliday	Major Clarke	Alex. Stephen	D. Budge.
1896	Col. Jas. D. Irving	Hector McInnes	G. H. Taylor	W. C. McCallum	Mc. Grant	"
1897	Col. Jas. D. Irving	G. H. Taylor	Hector McInnes	Geo. E. Boak	"	"
1898	Hector McInnes	Rev. J. S. Black, D.D.	Dr. J. Ross	Jas. Halliday	"	"
1899	Geo. H. Taylor	Rev. J. S. Black, D.D.	Jas. Halliday	F. Simpson	"	"
1900	Hon. Geo. H. Murray	Prof. D. A. Murray	Dr. G. M. Campbell	Jas. Halliday	"	"
1901	Jas. Halliday		John Strachan	Jas. Hall	G. H. Taylor	M. McF. Hall.

RULES
FOR THE REGULATION OF
THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,
IN
HALIFAX, N. S.
1903.

INTRODUCTION.

As every Association for the assistance and relief of our fellow-creatures is commendable and good, it is hoped the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax will be esteemed such by all who candidly pursue the Rules of this Institution.

When people meet with misfortune, or fall into distress in a part of the world remote from the land of their nativity, they naturally select their countrymen to reveal their situation to them, and to claim their aid.

That they might have it in their power to interpose with effect in behalf of such claimants, the natives of Scotland and those of Scotch parentage in the City of Halifax, agreed in the year 1768, to form themselves into a Charitable Society.

The good effects of their association have now been experienced for 135 years, and though the objects of their charity, like the contributors to it, have, according to their fundamental principles, been North Britons only, and can, while their present Constitution lasts, be no other, yet there is nothing so narrow or illiberal in their Institution as to indispose them, in their individual capacity, from acting up to the principles of universal charity, and joining with the community at large, in acts of social or private beneficence.

RULES, ETC.

SECTION I.

DESIGNATION OF THE SOCIETY: ITS SEAL.

The Society shall retain its present name, that is,—
THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, in *Halifax, Nova Scotia*.

The seal now used by the Society, viz., a silver seal, with a thistle and crown engraved thereon, with this motto, "*Nemo me impune lacessit*," shall be continued subject to the regulations hereafter mentioned.

SECTION II.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: ELECTIONS
AND DUTIES.

As the existence and usefulness of the Society depend upon its ordinary members, what relates to them deserves the first consideration.

Persons desiring admittance into the Society shall consist, first, of natives of Scotland; secondly, of those whose parents are or were natives; and, lastly, of those whose fathers or grandfathers are or were natives.

They shall be proposed by one or more members of the Society sending their names, addresses and occupation to the Secretary at least one week before any general or special meeting of the Society, and if approved of by the officers, their election shall be determined by a majority of votes, by ballot, at next quarterly meeting.

Every person thus elected as an ordinary member shall, at the time of his admission, subscribe to the Rules of the Society, and pay into the hands of the Treasurer a

sum not less than four dollars, to be applied to the orders and regulations hereinafter specified.

Every ordinary resident member shall pay quarterly, into the hands of the Treasurer, at the Board of the Society, the sum of \$1.00, or such other sum as shall from time to time be judged sufficient for promoting the general purposes of the Institution.

Perpetual members shall consist of those persons entitled to admission into this Society who deposit in the funds of the charity a lump sum of forty dollars; they shall always have a right to take part in the business of this Society, and shall, with their own consent, be always eligible to its officers.

Honorary members shall consist of those persons eligible into the Society, who are passengers and sojourners, rather than resident in the city, or who being ordinary members may remove from the city, or of those whom, on account of their office and avocations, the Society shall think proper to exempt, though resident, from the duty of ordinary attendance. In either case they shall contribute to the funds of charity, a sum not less than six dollars. The admission and enrolment of members of the first description shall, as heretofore, be vested in the officers of the Society, viz., in the President, Vice-President, and Assistants. And it is to be understood that if any members of the first or second class shall become permanent residents in the city, they shall pay the same annual contribution as ordinary members, or otherwise shall cease to be members of the Society.

SECTION III.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

For cultivating a mutual good understanding among the members, and for conducting the business of charity, the Society shall be assembled four times in the year,

besides its anniversary meeting, namely, on the first Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November.

At all meetings of the Society, after the President or Vice-President has taken the Chair, the rules shall be laid on the table for the perusal and direction of the members; and nothing shall be talked of but the business of the Society, while the President keeps the Chair.

Every member speaking on business shall stand up and address himself to the Chair, and no member shall speak more than once on the same subject, except by leave from the Chair, or in order to explain something already offered.

When the subject before the Society is stated and discussed, the President shall propose the same to the decision of the members, which shall be given by ballot in all cases when it is required, or by a show of hands.

Every member resident in the city, who shall absent himself for four successive quarterly meetings, without making an excuse that shall be deemed satisfactory to the Society, shall no longer be considered a member.

At the meeting in November the members present shall, by a majority of votes given by ballot, elect the officers for the ensuing year, to wit, a President, Vice-President, two Assistants, a Historian, a Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chaplain, Committee of Charity, and Messenger; and at this meeting, also, a regulation shall be made for celebrating the Festival of St. Andrew.

Any member being elected to the office of President and refusing to act, shall forfeit four dollars; Vice-President, three dollars; and all other officers two dollars each, for the use of the Society.

At the meeting to be held on the 30th November, each year, for celebrating the Festival of St. Andrew, or on

the day following, if the 30th happens to be on Sunday, the officers elected at the preceding meeting shall enter on their functions.

At the said Annual Festival, every member of the Society who shall appear without a St. Andrew's Cross on his breast, shall forfeit and pay to the Society's use, one dollar and fifty cents.

SECTION IV.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY: THEIR DUTY AND BUSINESS.

No person shall be eligible to the office of President who has not been at least twelve months an ordinary or perpetual member of the Society.

The duty of the President, Vice-President or Chairman, is to preside at all meetings, to regulate the deliberations of the Society, to state and put questions both in the affirmative and the negative, according to the sense and intention of the meeting; to check undue warmth or irregularity, and keep all persons in order; and for this purpose he shall have the power of fining, at his discretion, an offending member, not exceeding twenty-five cents for each offence, without putting a vote; to direct summonses for all ordinary and extraordinary general meetings; and to execute or superintend the execution of all the rules and orders of the Society.

The custody and use of the seal, the power of naming the place of meeting, with all other powers vested in him by ancient usage, shall, as heretofore, remain with the President, or, in his absence, with the Vice-President or Chairman.

The President, Vice-President, or Chairman, shall approve of all disbursements, and sign all orders of distribution, the account of which shall, as usual, be submitted to the Society for its satisfaction.

The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall attend all meetings and Committees of the Society, with the Rules and Records; shall take down all minutes, particularly noting, in a regular account, all monies received and disbursed, and shall produce the same, fairly written, in proper books, at the next meeting; shall read all letters, petitions or papers sent or communicated to the Society, and shall record such of them as may be deemed worthy of preservation; prepare all answers in such terms as may be directed; shall make proper indexes to the books of the Society, and allow no account thereof, under his direction, to be in arrear beyond the space of twelve months.

The Treasurer shall give such security as the Society may require for the trust reposed in him; he shall receive all monies belonging to the Society; he shall regularly produce his accounts signed, and the state of the incidental resources of the Society; and shall annually prepare a correct view of the funds, and the savings or exceedings of the year.

He shall have no credit in his account for any sum disbursed for which he does not produce the order or approbation of the President in writing, or of the Committee of Charity.

THE APPOINTMENT, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF CHARITY.

The Committee of Charity, consisting of five, shall, as heretofore, be annually elected by the Society, for the following purposes:

To enquire into the claims, characters and circumstances, of all such as apply for the ordinary or extraordinary aid of the Society, to prevent the charity of the Society from being improperly or fruitlessly applied.

To deliver their opinion candidly and freely with

respect to the general merit of claimants, and to the extent of the relief it may be necessary to afford them.

To report to the Society any accident that may befall members, and such as stand in need of aid, or any sickness they may labor under, and to describe the nature and extent of the assistance it behooves the Society to give them, while in such circumstances.

PROVISIONS IN CASE OF THE ABSENCE, REMOVAL OR DEATH OF OFFICERS.

If any officers of this Society are, by sickness or otherwise, necessarily absent from a regular meeting, others shall be called, for the time being, to act in their room; and if any of the officers happen to remove out of the Province, or to die during the year for which they were elected, the members assembled at the next quarterly meeting shall, as upon the meeting in November, choose others to serve in their room for the remainder of the year.

SECTION V.

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY AND APPROPRIATION THEREOF.

All the money collected from the members or received by donation or otherwise, shall be applied to the best advantage for promoting the ends of the Institution; and if, at any time, there shall be more money in the funds than present exigencies require, the Treasurer, at the desire and by the direction of the Society, at any general or quarterly meeting, shall lend out the same upon interest on the credit of the Province, or unexceptionable personal security by bond, or by investment in real estate, within the City of Halifax, by bond and mortgage, this security to be taken in the name of the President and Vice-President for the time being, and the survivors of them, as Trustees for the said Society;

and in the said instrument of security it shall be declared that the same is made in trust for the Society, and the President and Vice-President shall be parties to, and shall execute the same in the presence of two witnesses, and the said security shall be lodged with the Treasurer for the time being, and the mortgage, if any, to be duly recorded. Provided always, that said President and Vice-President, or either of them, their heirs, executors, or administrators, shall at all times subsequent (on being required by the Society at a general meeting so to do) execute an assignment or assignments of the said instrument, to their successors in office.

The charity of the Society shall be applied in the following manner, viz., the President, Vice-President, with the other officers of the Society, or the Committee of Charity, shall have the power to draw orders on the Treasurer for the time being, in favor of such poor or distressed persons as they shall judge fit objects of the Society's bounty, which orders the Treasurer shall immediately pay, *provided always*, that none but those who have the same qualifications in regard to country and parentage as is stated in the rule respecting admission of members, their widows and children, shall ever be entitled to any part of this charity. *Provided also*, that the sum so drawn for does not exceed \$20 to any one person, and when \$20 are drawn by order on the Treasurer, the said order must be signed by every member of said Committee of Charity; and, to prevent impositions on said Committee of Charity in future, all orders on the Treasurer shall be signed by at least three of said Committee of Charity, when under \$20.

As a stated provision is made for the resident poor by the municipal laws of the city, to which the members of this Society contribute their portion in their private capacity as citizens, the fund of charity shall be rather applied to the relief and assistance of persons who have met with sudden misfortune, or who suffer by occasional

distress, than to continued allowance for the settled poor; but as no adequate regulations, suitable to all times and all circumstances, can be devised on this subject, the Society shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this rule, be always free to exercise its own discretion and humanity with regard to it.

SECTION VI.

CERTIFICATES TO BE GRANTED TO RESIDENT, PERPETUAL OR HONORARY MEMBERS.

All perpetual, resident, or honorary members removing from the Province, shall, upon application, be furnished with a certificate of their admission and attendance, under the Society's seal, and signed by the President or Vice-President, and Secretary, the form of which shall be as follows:

"These are to certify that.....was regularly admitted a..... member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, at a meeting of the Society the....day of....., A. D. 19..

"Given under our hands and seal of the Society the day and year above written."

But as it may be expedient for members of this Society to remove in quest of settlement to other parts of this Continent, where similar Institutions exist, whose countenance and direction might be of great assistance to them, a second form of certificate shall be granted, upon application, to such members of this description as the Society shall think worthy of the same, the form whereof shall be as follows:

"These certify that Mr.was regularly admitted a member of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax, in Nova Scotia, on the day of,

and having duly conformed to all its rules and regulations during his residence here, he is, therefore, recommended to the countenance and protection of any and all similar Societies."

SECTION VII.

PROVISION IN CASE OF THE SICKNESS AND DEATH OF MEMBERS.

In describing the duties of the Committee of Charity, the superintendence of the sick was mentioned as a part of their charge, and as this branch of the Society's institution may be more effectually managed by them, they shall in case of the continuance of the sickness or the incapacity for business of such members as need the Society's care, make report thereof to the officers and private members; and if he or they need assistance during the night, the members of the Society shall, upon the recommendation of the Committee, watch with such sick persons, and shall, at the Society's charge, be allowed proper refreshment during their watch.

In case of the death of any member needing such aid, the funeral charges shall be defrayed by the Society, and such a sum as circumstances may demand and the funds allow, shall be given to the widow or orphans of the deceased.

When the attendance of the Society is requested at the funeral of one of its members, or a countryman a stranger in the place, the President shall issue orders for that purpose; and the customs of Scotland, as far as expedient, shall be adhered to in the procession on such occasions, and as little expense incurred as possible.

SECTION VIII.

INTRODUCTION OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, AT THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

For the purpose of extending the usefulness of the Society, and for making the objects of it more generally

known, each member shall have the privilege of introducing, at the respective Quarterly Meetings, persons (non-residents) eligible to become members of the Society; the member or members so introducing such visitor or visitors, to contribute towards the funds of the Society the sum of fifty cents at each of the meetings in the months of May and August, and the sum of one dollar in the months of November and February, for each and every visitor so respectively introduced at any such meetings; provided, however, that all and every such visitor and visitors so to be introduced as aforesaid, shall be precluded from taking any part in the proceedings or business of the Society.

The foregoing rules shall be deemed the fundamental articles and regulations of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and shall not hereafter be altered or abrogated, on any pretence whatever, otherwise than by consent of at least two-thirds of the members regularly met at any Quarterly Meeting in November; provided, also, that a Committee has been previously appointed, to consist of at least five members, and to have reported such alteration to be necessary.

Voted unanimously, and agreed to at a Quarterly Meeting at the Masons' Hall, in the town of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-three.

ADDITIONAL—ENACTED SINCE FOREGOING.

Passed 4th August, 1864.

To prevent the names of persons proposed, balloted for, and elected members, who after due notice of the same, fail to comply with the Rules of the Society, from accumulating on the Due Roll, from this date no person be considered a member or entered on the Roll as such, until the entrance fee is paid, and the Roll of the Society is signed.

Passed 1st November, 1866.

Any ordinary member over the age of sixty years, having paid into the funds of the Society for twenty years in succession, shall at his own request, be absolved from the payment of quarterly dues.

Passed 7th May, 1874.

That in future, any old member of the Society in arrears, may, on payment of forty dollars, be transferred to Perpetual List, and all back dues cancelled.

Passed 3rd February, 1876.

That in future, one dollar be deducted from the cost of ticket of each member attending the Dinner in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, the same to be paid out of the funds of the Society on presentation of the Secretary's memo. of the same to the Treasurer, certified by the President.

Passed 4th August, 1887.

That hereafter all Dinners and Suppers of the Society be conducted without the use of Spirituous or Malt Liquors.

Rescinded at Annual Meeting, November, 1893.

Passed 4th August, 1887.

That hereafter refreshments of all kinds be dispensed with at Quarterly Meetings.

Rescinded 3rd May, 1888.

Passed 5th November, 1891.

SECTION III.—That the seventh and ninth paragraphs of this section be omitted.

Passed 5th November, 1893.

Any ordinary member of the Society having paid dues for twenty years in succession, shall, at his own request, be entitled to Honorary Membership.

Passed 1st November, 1894.

That in future, the Senior Asst. Vice-President, with the Junior Asst. Vice, act as Stewards of the Society, and are, by this by-law, fully empowered to superintend the social interests of the members at the Quarterly Meetings, provide speakers and singers, and arrange for suitable refreshments.

Passed 1st November, 1894.

That at all future celebrations of Saint Andrew, the ordering of wines, ale, etc., be left to the discretion of members attending the Dinner.

Passed 1st August, 1895.

Rule 2 of the By-Laws, regulating admission to the Society, to read as follows:

“Persons desiring admittance to the Society shall consist

1st, of Natives of Scotland;

2nd, of those either of whose parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents was a native of Scotland.”

Passed 5th November, 1896.

HISTORIAN.

That a suitably qualified member be appointed to superintend the records and archives of Society, keep an abstract of each year's transactions for historical purposes, and have charge of all matters pertaining to the preservation of the books, papers and annual reports of the Institution. The new office-bearer to be styled The Historian of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

Passed 2nd February, 1899.

That in future the retired Presidents—as many as available—with other leading members of the Society, not exceeding twenty-five, be invited to attend the meetings of Committee arranging for Annual Festival of Saint Andrew.

Passed 6th August, 1903.

That in future, in furtherance of the best interests of this Society, a meeting of all the office-bearers elected at Annual Meeting be held not later than the second Thursday in January of each year:

(1) To examine and discharge all accounts connected with the celebration of the Festival of Saint Andrew.

(2) To arrange for increasing the membership of the Society.

(3) To arrange for the collection of back dues.

(4) To revise the roll of members when required.

(5) To consider all matters relating to the general working and welfare of the Society during their term of office in coming year.

Passed 5th November, 1903.

That in future, the annual statement of the Treasurer be printed, and a copy sent to each member for information sometime before the Festival of St. Andrew.

ILLUSTRATIONS IN COLORS

ROYAL ARMS OF SCOTLAND

AND

SCOTTISH STANDARDS

The two illuminated illustrations of above demand a brief notice, as care has been taken to have them in design and colors heraldically correct. Their artistic excellence is at once apparent.

The "Royal Arms of Scotland," which appears as a frontispiece to this volume, is the authorized representation from the fountain of Scottish Heraldry—the Lyon Court, Edinburgh. Those arms contain every historic symbol of our country—"The Thistle," the earliest emblem, "The Silver Cross of Saint Andrew," "The Red Rampant Lion in the Field of Gold," "The Sword," "The Sceptre," and the old-time motto, "*Nemo me impune lacesset*," forming altogether an ancient product of Barbarism, Christianity, Feudalism and Heraldry, well worth a moment's consideration.

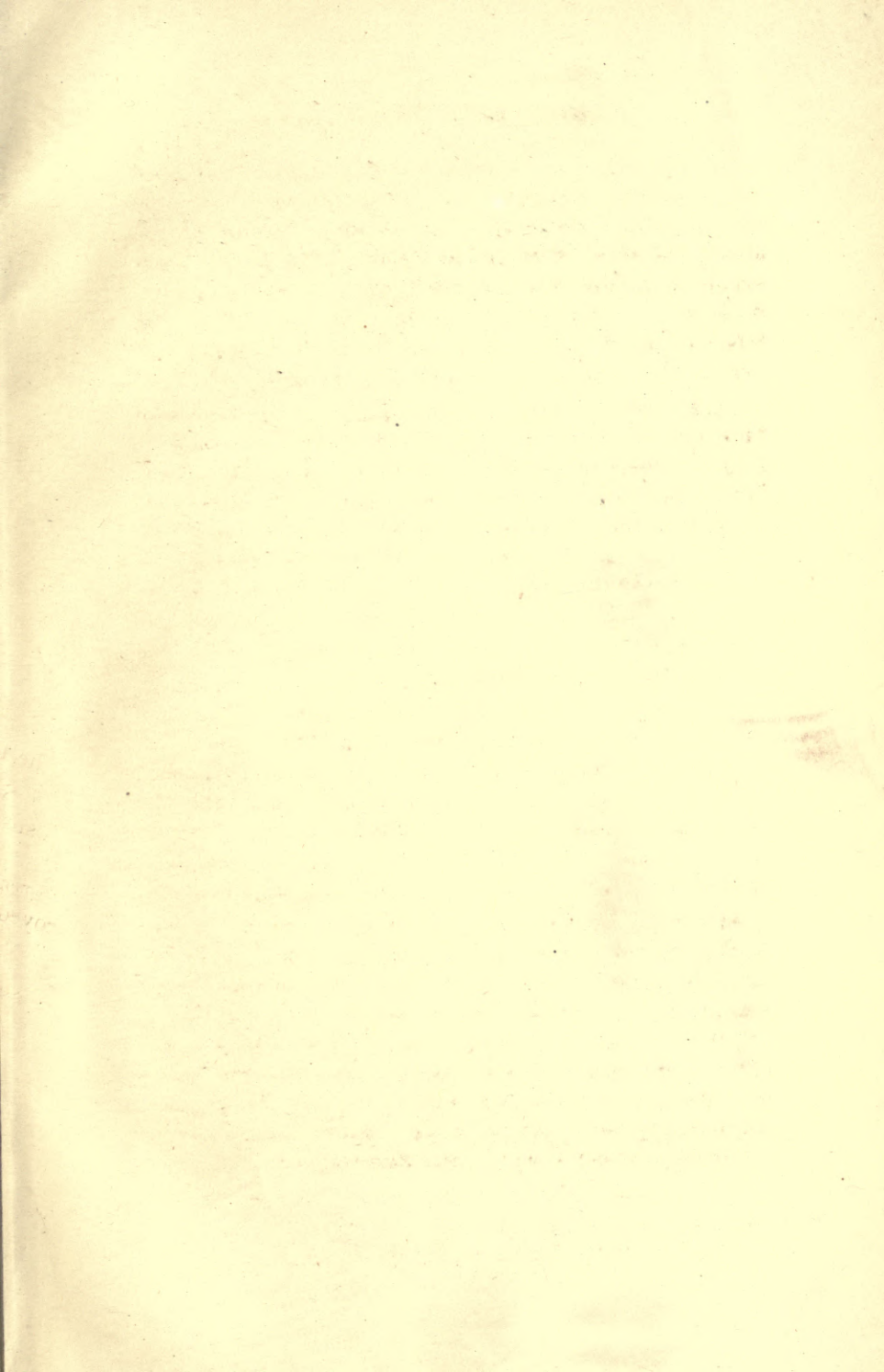
The Scottish Standards, which form our second illustration (page 405) are from the same source. These emblems of our country have, to every true Scotsman, the most sacred associations of patriotic pride and veneration. They floated o'er our patriotic countrymen at Bannockburn—that immortal victory which secured the independence, and raised to the highest pitch the martial glory of Scotland. They fell amid the frightful carnage of Flodden. In later times those standards were carried to victory by the great Scottish Brigades, who, under Gustavus Adolphus, made Sweden known to Europe

by the daring of her armies, and the victories obtained over the best trained soldiers of the powers of Austria, Russia, France and Spain. In Stockholm are preserved, among the relics of the great "Lion of the North," three stands of colours of the famous Scottish Yellow Brigades, three Royal Standards of Scotland, and nine Jacks, with Silver Cross of Saint Andrew, all of which had been carried to victory in his most glorious engagements.

Again, in the 18th Century, after the bitterness of Culloden, the Scottish soldiers of fortune were found in great numbers in the armies of France and Russia. At times, the Highland Clans were nearly all represented. They had their Scottish Banners, their slogans, their kilts, tartans, and bagpipes, and it is needless to say, they got all the fighting they wanted, and as in days of yore, recalled in the victories they achieved for the powers they were fighting for, the terrible memories of the great battle-fields of the famous Gustavus.

Their pride in these Scottish banners was unbounded, and it is matter of historical truth that a Scottish colour was never captured or surrendered in those continental wars. In times of great emergency, at the last ditch, the colours were destroyed to escape such disaster.

For the past one hundred years our Scottish banners and emblems have been almost lost to memory in the overpowering preponderance of the more wealthy partner in the British Union called Great Britain. To the majority of our Scottish race in this *New Scotland* of ours. The Royal Arms of Scotland, as well as the Royal Standard and the Jack or Silver Cross of Saint Andrew, are almost unknown, and from patriotic motives, they have been inserted in these Annals to keep alive those glorious memories and symbols of our country, which are the proud inheritance of our NORTH BRITISH people.





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